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EGYPTIAN PREMIER ASSASSINATED

Marshal Yen In Nanking

Nanking, December 28. Marshal Yen Shih-shan arrived here unexpectedly this afternoon from besieged Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi Province, in a special Chinese Air Force transport plane. The Marshal immediately called on President Chiang Kai-shek, presumably to report on the war situation in his area. The arrival of the oldtime warlord caused a wave of speculation that he may be here to discuss with the Generalissimo the abandonment or surrender of Taiyuan. It was also conjectured he might have brought Communist peace terms and possibly might have received Communist emissaries at Taiyuan. This was purely speculation and the nature of his mission has not yet been disclosed.—United Press.

Soviet Planes Reported In Chihli Straits

Shanghai, December 28. A Chinese report from Tientsin today said Soviet planes were constantly scouting over Tungshai Islands at the mouth of Chihli Straits, where the Chinese Navy is building up a base from which warships are tightening the blockade in the Tanchiao battle.

The Shun Pao despatch claimed the Soviet sent more than 100 planes which circled and reconnoitred over the islands.

The newspaper also alleged Soviet gunboats seized fishingboats off North Arthur and Dairen waters and handed them over to the Chinese Communists for ferrying supplies from Manchuria to Yangkoku in Eastern Shantung. The islands are located North of the 38th parallel. They have a population of 25,000 who make a living on fishing with the aid of UNRRA supplies. Most of the inhabitants are evacuees from the Communist-occupied mainland.

In Nanking the military spokesman confirmed that Soviet planes were sighted over Chihli but said Soviet air reconnaissance of Chinese waters had been going on for a long time.

Escorting Junks

He said he had received information that Soviet naval vessels had been escorting Chinese Communist junk carrying supplies and men across the Gulf of Chihli to Shantung. These vessels, he said, usually concealed their insignia to avoid identification.

The spokesman said he was not aware of the reported arrival of two divisions of Soviet troops at Hsichin and Mukden but said it is known that a considerable body of Soviet troops had been left in Manchuria when the Red Army evacuated in 1946. He said these remaining troops discovered their uniforms and lived as civilians.

Communist forces, meanwhile, have breached wide gaps in the Nationalist defence line at Tanchiao and have entered Yenchow in force, a usually reliable source reported today.

The military spokesman here was not available for comment on the report.

This source said Tanchiao was cut in two by Soviet forces and the new harbour area, Tanchiao, of the Government garrison, estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 men, have now barricaded themselves in the Chiata and Yungli factories and the railway station for a last ditch defence.—United Press.

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Nokrashy Pasha Shot By Student Posing As Police THIRD POLITICAL KILLING

Cairo, December 28.

Prime Minister Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha was assassinated this morning.

Police said he was shot by a student disguised as a police officer. They declared the assassin was a member of the Moslem Brotherhood Association, a Nationalist group recently outlawed by the Prime Minister.

The slaying occurred in the Ministry of Interior where the Prime Minister was on the way to his office. Witnesses said the assassin emptied his revolver at Nokrashy Pasha and that five bullets struck him. One wound was fatal. He died five minutes later without uttering a word.

The killer was arrested immediately.

Other persons in the building at the time said the assassin approached Nokrashy Pasha and shook hands with him before drawing the gun.

In outlawing the Moslem Brotherhood, the Prime Minister charged the group with responsibility for violence which caused several deaths. The order followed a series of explosions in Cairo business establishments.

Nokrashy Pasha had been Prime Minister most of the time since the end of World War II last year when he went to the United Nations session in New York to plead Egypt's case for evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

Born in Cairo in 1888, Nokrashy Pasha studied at the Ecole Normale Supérieure du Cairo and later at Nottingham University.

School Posts

At the age of 21 he was appointed Resident Master of an Alexandria school. At 26, he became headmaster of a school in Cairo, and in 1926 joint director of the secondary section of the Ministry of Agriculture.

He entered politics in 1921 and took an active part in the Nationalist movement, where he was soon noticed by Saad Zaghouel Pasha, the Nationalist leader.

Nokrashy Pasha is the third Egyptian Premier to be assassinated while in office. He first succeeded to the Premiership in February, 1945, when the Premier, Ahmed Maher, was assassinated in Parliament while about to declare war on the Axis.

Nokrashy Pasha resigned the Premiership on February 15, 1946 after students' riots. He was succeeded by Sidky Pasha, who resigned in Nokrashy Pasha's favour in December the same year.

U.S. Evacuation From Korea Under Way

Tokyo, December 28.

The evacuation of at least some American forces from Korea has been under way for some time, it was learned when units of the Seventh Division were discovered in Japan.

The Seventh has been occupying the area near the 38th parallel since shortly after the surrender of Japan.

It has been widely known for months that the 11th Airborne Division, veteran Pacific War outfit, would be replaced by one of two divisions which have been stationed in Korea. The other division in Korea, the Sixth Infantry, presumably is still there.

Russia several weeks ago reiterated its plan to leave North Korea and would be entirely gone by January 1.

Whether United States forces would remain to support the United Nations-sponsored South Korea government headed by President Syngman Rhee has never been clarified.

Both President Rhee and numerous other Korean leaders have pleaded with the United States to keep her armed forces in South Korea at least until they were able to form their own defence force sufficiently large to resist any anticipated invasion by the Communist-controlled North Korean People's government.—Associated Press.

New Premier To Be Named

Cairo, December 28. High political sources told the United Press that a new Premier would be named within a few hours. These sources said the present time was too critical to let the post remain vacant long.

The Egyptian Cabinet is holding an emergency session to discuss measures for the appointment of a new Premier. A high political source told United Press the choice lay between Ahmed Khushaba Pasha, at present Foreign Minister, and Ibrahim Abdul Hadi Pasha.—United Press.

At various times, Nokrashy Pasha has held the posts of Communications, Education, Foreign Affairs, Finance and the Interior. During his Premiership in 1945, he strongly campaigned for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936 and called for the withdrawal of British troops from the country and the complete independence of the Nile Valley.

Negotiations

His Cabinet fell in February, 1946, but becoming Premier again in December he again took up the treaty question. Negotiations with Britain broke down in January, 1947.

Later that year he took his country's case to the United Nations Security Council but without success.

He sent Egyptian troops into Palestine when the British mandate over the Holy Land ended to combat what he called aggression by terrorist Zionist gangs.

The Moslem Brotherhood accused him recently of weakness in prosecuting the Palestine campaign.

The slaying will bring a new Prime Minister to office at a critical point in Egypt's struggle against Israel. The Government reported only last night that Israeli troops were continuing attacks against the Egyptian Army in Southern Palestine.

Nokrashy Pasha was a leader of the Saadist Party, which he helped form after he was expelled in 1937 from the Executive Committee and from membership in the Nationalist Wafd Party.

His expulsion followed a clash with Mustapha el Nahas Pasha, President of the Wafd Party and former Prime Minister.—Associated Press and Reuters.

Paralysis Setting On Nanking

Nanking, December 28. What some important political observers called creeping paralysis today seemed slowly to be setting on the Nationalist capital as it awaited news of the next Communist advance.

Three reports were indicative of the ominous situation. Military sources said that the Nationalists were virtually abandoning Pengpu and their natural defence barrier on the Hsai river and withdrawing 110 miles South to around Nanking.

Foetish sources reported that the Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, had not resolved division among his six Inner Cabinet Ministers about the new Government's future policy.

Prices Climb

Prices today were rising steadily again, trade was at a standstill and even Nanking's essential services were running down.

The withdrawal of the Nationalist armies from Northern Anhwei meant that the Nationalists were continuing to follow the so far unsuccessful strategy of defending cities instead of attacking the Communists in the field, military sources said.

Reports that some of the troops who arrived in Nanking were moving up the Yangtze to Wuhu and embarking for Hankow made prospects poor for holding the capital.

Barometer

The current example used by observers to indicate the failure of the Nationalist policy was the situation in the North, where General Fu Tso-yi's forces were split between besieged Peiping and Tientsin, and hanging on for possible peace overtures farther South.—Reuters.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK TAXI STRIKE

The four Kowloon taxi companies will place 85 cars on the road beginning tomorrow, in another effort to break the present taxi strike. The taxis will be stationed at the Star Ferry stand and will maintain a day and night service. They will be manned by newly-hired drivers. The four companies possess a total of 300 taxis.



Chinese Red Cross girls attached to the Government forces seated on the stern of a Yangtze river barge on her way to Pukow from Nanking. These girls wear the same uniform as the troops.—AP Photo.

UK Trade Commissioner Urges Engagement Of Industrial Expert

Engagement of an industrial expert to carry out a complete survey and evaluation of the Colony's industrial potential with a view to modernisation and reconstruction was suggested in a speech by Mr. W. P. Montgomery, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, last night.

Mr. Montgomery added that it is the first essential to surmount the problems besetting local manufacturers. He said that probably part of such an expert's findings will be that certain uneconomic, inefficient methods of operation will have to be eliminated.

The United Kingdom Trade Commissioner spoke to local manufacturers last night in a series of talks, sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union, at the Products Exhibition on the Mainland.

Introduced by Mr. U. Tat Chee, Vice-Chairman of the Union, Mr. Montgomery said that the Exhibition, which will close on Sunday night, shows the admirable effort the Union has made since Liberation.

He added that Mr. U. Tat Chee pointed out at the official opening of the Exhibition on December 16 that Hong Kong has been built on enterprise trading, that the Colony's industry's opportunity has arrived, and that it must forge ahead.

Source Of Gratification

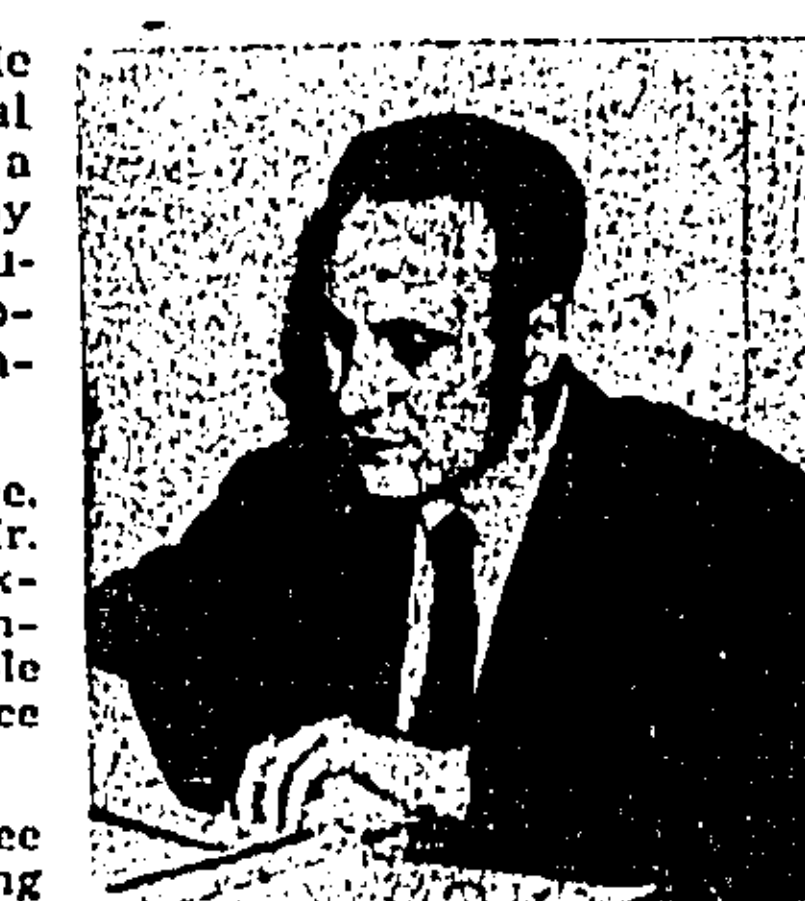
"That there are some 1,200 factories operating in Hong Kong employing some 58,710 people and that your (Union) membership comprises some 600 factories employing about 10,000 workers, must be a source of gratification as well as the fact that that number is being augmented by those operating in new processes," said the Trade Commissioner.

Mr. Montgomery added that a further source of gratification "that for the first time in the Colony's history manufactures of cotton yarn and plastics are being exhibited."

"The Exhibition, as I see it," he added, "is a most noteworthy and practical measure to find new overseas markets, which is why you are anxious to attract purchasing missions and buyers from such areas as the Philippines, Singapore, and India—areas where there is a large potential demand and consumption for many of the types of products you manufacture."

New Buyers' Market

"It is now not only a platitude, but an inescapable fact in the world and its economy of today that the sellers' market is being rapidly superseded by that of a buyers' market. This presents you with certain difficult problems, because most of your raw materials for industry must be imported into the Colony and the various processes involved are carried out by relatively unskilled labour."



Mr. W. P. Montgomery

which is costly for the results it produces. In addition, in some of the industries particularly textiles, outmoded machines, some inefficient by modern standards, are still operative.

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GAZA FALLS

London, December 28. An Arab broadcasting station heard here today said Gaza had fallen to Israeli troops.—Reuters.

Palestine Armistice Demand

Paris, December 28.

Britain today called for an armistice in Palestine which might lay the foundation of a permanent peace, when the Security Council met to consider the renewed fighting in the Holy Land.

The Council was meeting in an emergency session to consider Palestine and the fighting in Indonesia.

Mr. Harold Bealey, the British delegate, tabled a resolution asking the Security Council to call on the Governments concerned to order an immediate Palestine cease-fire and withdraw their forces.

The resolution suggested that the seven-nation Palestine Committee appointed by the Council in November should report on the situation to the Council at Lake Success in January.

It also expressed the hope that members of the Conciliation Commission, appointed on December 11, would nominate their representatives and establish the Commission with the least possible delay.

The Egyptian delegate, Mohamed Fawzi Bey, the first speaker, attacked what he called the Zionist content for the Security Council's action.

"The Zionist forces have clearly refused to withdraw to positions which belong to the Arabs," he said. "At least 30 towns and villages have been so occupied."

"We are faced only with the Jews. We are faced with political Zionists supported by strong elements really coming from Central and Eastern Europe."

Evidence

"We have irrefutable evidence that many of their troops and much of their armaments have come from Central and Eastern Europe."

It was learned in authoritative circles here today that the Chinese delegate, Dr. C. L. Hsin, would this afternoon table a new Security Council resolution calling for the release of prisoners in Palestine within 24 hours.

Mr. Harold Bealey of Britain, said the obligation to keep the Palestine truce was binding on all member States as well as the parties in Palestine and the surrounding States which were directly concerned.

"It has recently been alleged that armaments are being supplied from British sources to ports of the Middle East. I am in a position to deny that my Government has supplied or permitted the supply of any military material in contravention of the resolutions of May 29 and July 15."

Britain, he added, had scrupulously observed the terms of the decisions of a time when it was generally known that the Middle East States with which she had treaties of alliance were confronted by forces armed illegally during the truce with supplies delivered to them by member States of the United Nations. Palestine.—Reuters.

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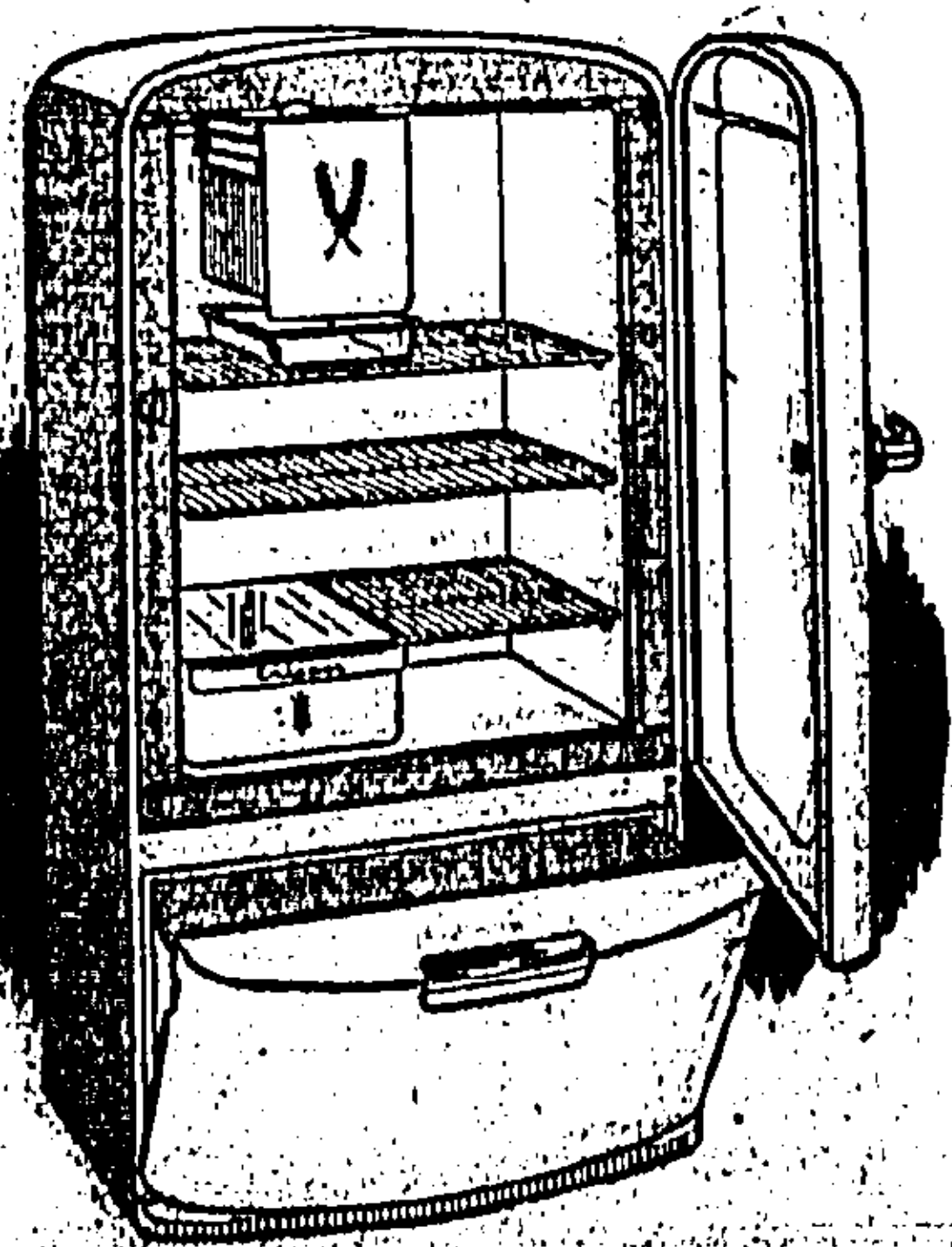
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More Personnel Of CNAC Arrive From Shanghai

Another batch of CNAC personnel arrived here yesterday from Shanghai by the Norwegian steamer *Pronto*, bringing the total number of employees and their families to 890.

Confidence Men Try Trick Again

A credulous young woman might have fallen prey to two confidence men had not a detective been on the spot.

While walking along Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, a young woman was approached by a boy, who asked her the way to Jordan Road. She gave him the necessary directions and the boy went on his way.

Then a young man came along and told her that the boy had just found a bundle of banknotes on the ferry and was on his way to his uncle's house. He asked her to go with him to see the bundle, and she agreed. They went to a small room where the boy was waiting. He showed her a bundle of banknotes and asked her to sign a receipt for them. She refused, and he threatened to call the police. She fled, and a detective was called. He found the boy and the man, and they were charged with attempting to trick a woman.

Brothel Keepers Plead Guilty

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Leung Fao, a woman aged 48, was charged with keeping a brothel at an unnumbered hut on a roof of a building at Thompson Road.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Another woman Chan Sze, aged 35, pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping a brothel in an unnumbered hut in Amy Street and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Lee Kuan, aged 46, also pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping a brothel at another unnumbered hut in Amy Street and received the sentence of three months' imprisonment. She was recommended for banishment.

SOLDIER CHARGED AT KOWLOON

A soldier of the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit, Chin Kuen-tak, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with possession of police accoutrements and impersonating a police officer.

He was found at Wusung Street shortly before midnight on December 26 with a pair of handcuffs and a police cap badge in his possession. When questioned, he claimed he was an officer of the law and was among the second group that joined the force after the war. Investigations revealed that he was a soldier.

On the application of Inspector Davies, defendant was remanded 24 hours in military custody.

GAOL TERMS FOR LOITERERS

Lo Ming and Leung Ping-kwan were charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with loitering. Li was additionally charged with possession of a house-breaking instrument.

According to the prosecution, in the early hours of December 27, a constable was on duty in Boundary Street near Apiti Street when he saw both defendants coming out of a lane.

On seeing the constable, first defendant ran away a crowbar. He then started to run away. The constable gave chase and arrested him.

Second defendant was arrested by another constable on the next beat. Both defendants were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Reminders

Today

H.K. Football Referees Association, fortnightly meeting, Prince's Bldg., 8.30 p.m.

Tee H. Club, Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Friendly soccer: St. Joseph's vs. HAF, Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.

Girl Guides Xmas Party, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3 p.m.

Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kowloon Rotary Club, Closed Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

King's Birthday Awards, presentation at Government House, 10 a.m.

Shanghai - Sumatra Rubber Estates, Limited, annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 12 noon.

Shanghai Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 12.15 p.m.

Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Prosecuting, Inspector H. Brownrigg said that on the morning of October 27, a Taxi Wh Hospital ambulance was conveying a suicide case to Queen Mary Hospital along Queen's Road West.

When nearing Eastern Street, the occupants in the ambulance comprising a detective, a constable and the ambulance crew, saw a child knocked down by public car No. 4371, which was travelling in the opposite direction, and did not stop.

Evidence was given by the Detective and the constable, after which further hearing was adjourned for one week.

BIGGEST BUYER



Mr. R. A. Jhanjhanwala, the biggest buyer among the 290,760 people who patronised the Hong Kong Chinese Products Exhibition up to Monday night, has bought and ordered an estimated HK\$1,000,000 worth of locally-produced articles for the Indian market. The Indian businessman has returned to Calcutta by Pan-American Clipper but has left his secretary, Mr. K. N. Choudhary behind to conclude uncompleted deals. Mr. Jhanjhanwala was one of the many who were seen through Wayne and Haylett Company.

Bus Held Up By Robbers At Fanling

Lorry bus No. 5691 was held up by a band of armed robbers near Lok Tsun, Fanling, at 12.15 p.m. yesterday. While the bus was en route from Fanling to Tai Po, a Chinese man entered the driver's cabin and pointed a revolver at him. While three other armed men boarded the bus and searched the passengers.

The robbers decamped over the hillside near Wo Hop Shick Village with money and property to the value of about HK\$700.

Another robbery, featuring a dagger and a bamboo pole, was committed by two men at a hut at Health Village, Bay View, yesterday afternoon.

One of them got away with a gold ring and a watch, but the other was arrested.

Defendant Discharged

Before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday again on summary trial, was Yau Kin-fung, partner of the Wah Nam Radio Shop, 341 Nathan Road, ground floor, who was committed to trial at the Supreme Court Criminal Sessions on October 23 on four counts of receiving stolen property.

The case was first called before Mr. Latimer on September 20. Committal proceedings commenced on October 19 and four days later, defendant was committed to trial. On November 15, however, the case was again called before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon, having been referred back to the lower Court for summary trial. Date of trial was finally fixed for yesterday before Mr. Latimer.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. H. Summers conducted the prosecution, and Mr. A. S. C. Comber represented the defence.

When the principal witness for the prosecution, Lui Dip, from whom defendant was alleged to have bought three radio sets and a Federal enlarger with guilty knowledge, failed to give sufficient evidence to support the case for the prosecution, DSI Summers begged to have the charges withdrawn.

Defendant was discharged accordingly.

Sequel To Accident

As a sequel to a traffic accident in Queen's Road West on the morning of October 27, when a child of 13 was knocked down and suffered injuries to his head, So Wai-tung, aged 43, public car driver was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The charges he faced were driving without due care and caution and failing to stop after an accident.

Defendant who was represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths pleaded not guilty.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Indecent Haste

Sir,—With a haste so great as to be almost indecent and to cause us to suspect that Government's sole concern was to have the Bill passed before further and perhaps more embarrassing questions were asked, the Voluntary Defence Force Bill has been passed into law by a Legislative Council comprising eight Government officials, the Acting G.O.C. and six Unofficial Members, four of whom were apparently ineligible to vote. The taxpayer is committed to an initial outlay of \$20,000,000 in aid of a scheme the efficacy of which is so open to doubt that even in voting its passage, the more articulate Unofficial Members implied that the Bill might well be the subject of further consideration. Thus are the interests of the taxpayer cared for and thus are the ill-considered plans of the few foisted upon those upon whom the burden of carrying out those plans will eventually fall. We have from time to time questioned the delay in the formation of the Municipal Council and if any answer was needed, this is surely it for who can doubt that the passage of this Bill would have met with considerable opposition had the public been adequately represented?

Once more our local dictator has had his way and the Bill is law, although it may be found just a trifle difficult to form a Volunteer Force without volunteers. There are, nevertheless, one or two points which need to be clarified, if only in fairness to the heads of firms who, as Mr. Cassidy has said, will doubtless be asked to bring pressure to bear upon their staffs and two of the questions which the public have the right to ask are—

1. Does the outlay of \$20,000,000 include any provision for the payment of pensions to the dependents of those who gave their lives in the defence of the Colony in 1947?

If we are to invite the sons and brothers of those who in that year were sacrificed upon the altar of the 1918 mind to join a Force of this nature, surely we should start by honouring our obligations to those who went before and who, in dying, believed that they were contributing to the survival of democracy. It will not be enough after the next debacle to tell the dependents of the victims that their husbands and sons whilst alive were permitted the enjoyment of the "recreational centre" and the money which is to be used in the provision of such amenities might better be utilised in the creation of a fund which will afford all volunteers the assurance that if they are unfortunate enough to be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, their dependents will not have to live, as so many have since Government withdrew its financial support of the Hong Kong War Memorial Association, upon a pittance received from charity. We have heard many honeyed phrases in connection with the new Force to the effect that "the recreational facilities offered in the Bill are not a bait. They represent a recognition by the community of its responsibility to its own army." In the face of the very necessary appeals made almost daily by the War Memorial Association, such is platitudes.

The fact that so many are living under these circumstances is a fact which will not be forgotten by either the non-British section of the community or by those Britons who believe that the last war was fought for the elimination of racial discrimination and will be one of the factors which will determine whether or not the recruitment programme can be successfully carried out.

2. His Excellency and his advisers have asked us to believe that the Colony can be effectively defended against a modern army. Are we then to understand that in the event of future hostilities they are so confident of their power of our resistance that no steps will be taken to evacuate their wives and families, as before?

If they are not so confident, will such evacuation plans be available so as to provide for the evacuation of all women and children, regardless of race or social standing, or will they be confined to the wives and families of Britons, with a majority of Government servants, whilst the remainder are left to remain to face whatever fate, and the enemy, may have in store for them, as heretofore?

The answers to these questions are the standards by which the Government will be judged by all non-British residents and by the British residents and by the United Kingdom. The answers can be provided by Government, would be well advised to postpone the expenditure of public funds for equipment until it is certain that the formation of the Force is a permanent one.

It has been hinted that in the event of failure to recruit sufficient men, Government might resort to conscription, and if I may presume to offer a word of advice upon this point, it would be that an excellent job could be done by the Government in the present situation in China. Our American friends, in the past, have trained and equipped many divisions of Chinese troops and have had to face the bitter fact that, because of the selection of those troops to die, many of the killed are now being turned out as everything that they hold dear.

Let not the Government of Hong Kong fall into the same error. If none of our local officials would leave the cloistered seclusion of their offices and seek the true feeling of the Chinese of the Colony they would find that the average Chinese does not consider that he owes any loyalty to the Colony and if asked to choose between loyalty to the Government and loyalty to China, would undoubtedly, and very naturally, choose the latter. The inference to be drawn from this statement, which is a statement of fact and should in no way be considered as a disparagement of the local Chinese population, is so obvious as to need no further comment.

There is one other question which springs to mind and which, in view of his statement that active preparation has been in progress for the past 18 months, the Hon. Colonial Secretary will no doubt be pleased to answer.

We have been told that the measures to be taken under this Bill will be comprehensive and that the Government will be giving to the Colony the provision of adequate defence for the civilian population against air attack is one of the elemental considerations of modern warfare. Why then, if this scheme has been in hand for the past 18 months, has it deemed advisable to fill in the existing air raid shelters well within this period and at considerable public expense? At the time when this work was in progress, we were told that the tunnels contained a danger to public health and that there was danger of their collapse. Will it prove any less expensive to construct new shelters than it would to have modernised those then in existence? This is a matter which will require a good deal of explanation.

It has been implied that the passage of the Bill was a matter beyond the authority of the Local Government and that orders therefor emanated from Home. If this is so, it would appear that the Colonial Secretary is being forced to redress the colonial blunder of our incompetent Labour Government which, in its haste to de-militarise the country after the war, disbursed no less than \$546 million in armaments amongst other countries whilst other nations, including some of our most modern tanks and artillery, were left to rust in dumps. A quotation from a recent speech by Mr. Winston Churchill is very pertinent to the subject of the formation of this Volunteer Force. He said, "Should war come, a terrible accountability will be required from those to whom Parliament has accorded, in time of peace, unparalleled and unprecedented power. Our local dictators would do well to ponder this speech."

God forbid that war should again come to this Colony if we are to depend for defence upon this fantastic Volunteer Defence Force, for the likelihood of saying "I told you so" is one in which we have no desire to be able to indulge.

Clarification
Sir,—I refer you to a letter signed "Newsman" and published in your today's issue of The China Mail. It is to be regretted that you, Mr. Editor, did not see fit to enlighten "Newsman" and his readers by pointing out that Legislative Council meetings are NOT held in camera.

It is very desirable that correspondents should first make sure of their facts before rushing into print.

W. GORDON HARMON,
Public Relations Officer.

Ostrich Tale

Sir,—Scallions to your correspondent Ralph Shaw for his "Heartless Hong Kong trade."

"Sure lots of things are not as they might be, but are they anywhere today?"

I've been most places one can get to in the last eighteen months and find nowhere better than Hong Kong, and most places worse.

Show and others of his mentality would do the Colony a service by screaming out of it if they are so unhappy here. If perhaps they can't stand the ration and ration conditions of England, or the fantastic costs and bell-mell living conditions in U.S.A., or the strike-bound, narrow existence in Australia, or the poverty and misery of Europe or China.

These people who complain of these conditions here should pull their heads out of the sand and do some concrete thing that they believe would benefit the community at large for it is only when we do things that we are to back up to their point of view and start reforming campaigns in their own backyards.

JOHN J. HOLLAND.

Congratulations

Sir,—Congratulations to "Another Briton" for his outspoken and intelligent opinion on Indonesia.

Your correspondent refers to Indonesia as a "fifth rate power" in the light of the flagrant misuse of its true agreement and disavowed attack on a recognised Republic.

It is a pity that the Republic is a "fifth rate power" in the eyes of the world. It is a pity that the Republic is a "fifth rate power" in the eyes of the world.

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to subscribe to the Atlantic Charter, their determination to uphold the right of all peoples wherever they may be, to live under a government of their own choosing, not one individually or for that matter collectively are prepared to go to the assistance of the badly wronged Indonesians.

Australia could show herself an adult nation now by securing her own back door and going to the material assistance of a people who have shown themselves capable of suppressing the menace of Communism even with the disturbed conditions prevailing.

The Dutch in one fell stroke have placed the peace of the Orient in jeopardy and for such action must stand condemned in the eyes of all.

The impotence of the U.N. is beneath comment. It never stood a chance from its inception, but that is no reason for anti-Indonesian prime interests are at stake.

The story that the Dutch must "police" the Republic until it is capable of standing on its own feet holds no truth. Nobody ever learned to swim without going into the water and these nations such as Indonesia will never learn to govern themselves without going "solo".

The sooner they get that chance the better it will be for the world.

AUSTRALIAN.

Power Ratings

Sir,—In his letter to you published in today's issue of the China Mail, "Another Briton" refers to Holland, France and Belgium as fifth rate Powers. It would be interesting to learn how "Another Briton" classifies all the other world Powers if, notwithstanding their respective achievements in the realm of arms, music and industry, he places Belgium, France and Holland in the fifth category.

CURIOUS.

Information, Please

Sir,—A student of the Chinese language and the study of its characters is very much interested in "The Student's 4000 Characters & General Pocket Dictionary" by W. E. Soothill which was lately for sale in Kelly & Walsh. He wishes to know what edition it was and what was the year of publication of that edition.

A SINOLOGUE.

Free Of Charge

Sir,—I would like to express, on behalf of my wife, my daughter and myself, our very deep appreciation for the kind consideration shown to the two lady members of my family by some members of His Majesty's land forces on Christmas night.

We were returning home from the Alhambra Theatre when the descending band of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table very courteously supplied my wife and daughter with fire-crackers, free of charge, at the heels of their shoes.

The laughter with which those gentlemen (pardon me, Mr. Webster) greeted the last jump of fright was indeed an eloquent testimony of these brave soldiers' upbringing before they donned His Majesty's uniform.

I have since learned that my case was not an isolated one, but that such incidents were common all along Nathan Road on the night of the greatest Christmas festival.

SICKENING.

It's About Time

Sir,—In August last we were informed that price control would be introduced in respect of hotel rates and at that time exhaustive lists of the rates applicable to each hotel were published.

As we all know, the subsequent lack of co-operation between the hotel owners and the Committee, which was appointed as a result of their demands, has caused the postponement of the introduction of the new rates from August 1st to November 1st and now from that date until January 1, 1949.

"Since that announcement regarding the appointment of Committee to study this matter we have been without official information upon the subject and apart from an announcement by the Hong Kong Hotel Residents Association to the effect that the Committee had completed its deliberations and had submitted its report to the Governor, the rest has been silence."

"We are now within four days of the date upon which the new rates are supposed to become effective yet we still await an official announcement. Are we to assume that the rates which are to come into effect upon January 1 will be those which were originally published? If so, what is the reason for this delay?"

"It is not about time that Government hastened itself sufficiently to realise that this is a matter of grave concern to many people who for the past four months have patiently awaited the outcome of the Committee's investigation and publication of the rates which are soon to be introduced. Or is this matter, like the appointment of the efficiency expert, to be discreetly overlooked?"

"W."

Chinese Migration To United States Picks Up Again

The Chinese migration to the United States from China is on again in full swing following the settlement of the American maritime strike. Passage departments of several shipping organisations operating ships to the American coasts are being besieged by prospective travellers day by day.

No Quarters For Govt Officials

Government officials returning to Hong Kong yesterday by the S. Soochow after their furlough in Australia received official advice on their arrival that they had to stay aboard the vessel temporarily because there was no available accommodation. The "China Mail" was reliably informed.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. C. G. M. Thomson and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morrison and Mrs. S. W. George, who left the Colony several months ago on leave.

Some, however, have managed to find accommodation with friends for the time being, it was learned.

Approached by the "China Mail" by telephone, the Quarantine Authorities said that the matter is purely a personal one between the officials and the Government and that he had no comments to make. He added that the arrivals complaint was exaggerated. He further stated that the Press had nothing to do with it.

The Soochow will remain at Kowloon Wharf for five days, Butterfield and Swire reported. The vessel brought 22 European and 41 Chinese passengers from Brisbane and Sydney via Manila. She had about 2,000 tons of general cargo.

Personalities

Veterans of the Kaiser's War who have come here from Shanghai will be interested to know that the Zou Club had a most successful Annual Dinner in Shanghai on December 20. Mr. H. C. R. Way, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. was elected President of the Club for 1948.

Mr. C. H. Ellis left Hong Kong for Singapore by the ss. Fengtien yesterday.

Mr. E. J. G. Gauntlett left for Shanghai yesterday by the ss. Agamemnon.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Reginald Chin Yen, chemist, of 95 Nanchang Street, Shumshuipo, and Miss Theresa Clothilde Chong Yen; Mr. Antonio Edwards Noronha, clerk, of 7 Hanoi Road, Kowloon, and Miss Mildred Marie Osmund, typist, of 19 Austin Avenue, top floor.

M. In Dauh, M. Trang Triet, M. Andrade, M. La, Minh, and Mrs. Simon arrived in the Colony during the holidays from Saigon by Air France.

Messrs. R. J. Doust, M. Coker, Mrs. E. Doust, and Mrs. Mach di Anh left Hong Kong during the holidays for Indo-China by Air France.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. E. Engel, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dunzlau, Mr. and Mrs. L. Haywood, Mrs. V. de Medina, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pryor, Mrs. E. Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, Mrs. K. Wilder, Mrs. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bitterman, Mrs. A. Polig, Mrs. K. Jovian, Mrs. Ruth Horner, Mrs. M. Kibort, Messrs. David Galtan, Y. M. Fong, Ezra Fiskaa, K. Knudsen, W. Schuurman, G. Yeh, E. Mayer, K. Ohta, C. A. Pether, H. Mohr, S. Lissner, C. K. Huston, M. G. Tien, E. C. B. Lewis, J. M. Escarriaco, R. J. C. Wait, F. L. Evans, C. W. Hunter, C. L. Sun and R. A. Nicholls.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the holidays included Mrs. S. F. Chu, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ippolito, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Campos, Mrs. H. L. Grundy, Mrs. M. Martin, Messrs. G. Rozario, Tang Hai-chin, C. Querido, N. C. McCullum, W. Thomas, F. M. Butler, L. S. Rose, Victor Burgess, T. C. Ku and L. J. Ku.

Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, has cancelled all social engagements for the next three months. She has been advised to take a complete rest, said an official announcement yesterday.

Government plans to change the name of Gap Road to Queen's Road, East. Any objections to this alteration should be addressed to the Director of Public Works, Lower Albert Road within one month.



Police Chief Attends Meet

Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, has left the Colony to take part in a combined Hong Kong-Canton-Macao Police Conference. It was officially learned yesterday.

Reports from Macao last night said that the conference lasted all day yesterday and that Mr. Macintosh will return to Hong Kong today.

Mr. Li Te-han, Commissioner of Canton Police, arrived in Hong Kong on Monday and accompanied Mr. Macintosh to the Portuguese Colony.

The two police chiefs were met at Macao by Captain Luis Paletti, Macao Commissioner of Police.

Both Canton and Hong Kong police heads were accompanied by their Criminal Investigation Department and Special Branch aides.

Cup Of Tea Accredited To Portuguese

That the origin of the Englishman's cup of tea is accredited to the Portuguese was one of the many interesting points brought up yesterday by Dr. de Vargas, Professor of Philosophy, in his discourse on "The History of Cultural Relations between China and the West."

The meeting, well attended and enjoyed, was organized by the Portuguese Institute and held in the Club Lusitano.

Professor de Vargas gave a comprehensive outline of the interchanges of cultural matters and ideas between China and the European countries, and the influences one had upon the other. He stressed as a fact that it was the East that discovered the West, and not the other way round as is popularly assumed, and illustrated this with excellent examples.

The chief contribution of Chinese influence on the West was the early transport from China by travellers of silk, porcelain, paper and tea.

At this point the Professor said it was after the marriage of a Portuguese princess to the son of Charles II that tea was introduced into the English court, for the lady had first become acquainted with the beverage, through Portuguese expeditions to the East.

Dr. de Vargas pointed out that China's biggest receipt of the exchange from the West was Christianity.

Wedding music and singing by the Cathedral Choir featured an elaborate marriage ceremony at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when Miss Eliza Katharine Maud Wong became the bride of Mr. Robert William Primrose, Assistant Secretary, Medical Department. The ceremony was conducted by the Very Reverend Dean A. P. Rose, assisted by the Right Reverend Bishop R. O. Hall, the Reverend Canon E. W. L. Martin, and the Reverend Mr. George She. ("China Mail" Photo).

Gang Of Robbers Get Hard Labour Terms

Sentences of hard labour and strokes of the cane were meted out to five men and two women by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, after a jury composed of three men and four women had found them guilty of armed robbery, possession of arms and ammunition and of receiving stolen property.

The charges alleged that four robberies were carried out between August 23 and September this year. The submission of the Crown was that they formed the backbone of the other charges in the indictment.

The submission of the Crown was also that the statements made by the accused in answer to the charges when they were arrested amounted to admission of guilt.

You Lai alias You Kit-lai, Chan Tin-ping alias Lo Lo-Kwai, Chan Moon alias Chan Fat, Leung Siu-wah alias Yin Chai, Hung Yung alias Hung Fat, were each sentenced to eight years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane, for armed robbery and possession of arms and ammunition.

The two women found guilty of receiving stolen property, Leung Kun-nin and Leung Kun-mul, were each given six months' hard labour.

The robberies were committed at two places in Tai Kiu Ling Village, at 75 Fuk Wing Street, and at 29 Tai Po Road. All, with the exception of the first two, were committed on different dates.

Among the loot taken in the robberies were US\$1,131 and some Hong Kong dollars.

Crown Counsel, Mr. H. Heenan, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Detective-Inspector C. Dowman.

All the accused were not legally represented.

WREATH PLACED

A wreath was placed on the grave of the Unknown Volunteer at the Saiwan Military Cemetery on Christmas Day by a group of officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The group included Colonel L. T. Ride, Corps Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel H. Owen-Hughes, Major R. C. Pugh, and Captain R. H. Calvert.

Large Crowd At Funeral Of Dr. Asger

There was a large attendance at the burial of Dr. M. E. Asger, who passed away suddenly on Monday.

Officiating at the chapel of the Protestant cemetery was Mr. J. C. Brown, First Rector of the First Church of Christ Scientist.

The chief mourner was the sister. Among the large attendance were: Mr. L. C. R. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mayne, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. U. M. Omar, Mr. G. B. Labrum, (representing the St. John Lodge), Mr. D. O. Silva, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Wong, Mr. R. Pestonji, Mr. J. H. Tuttonjee, Mr. L. E. Lammert, Mr. L. A. Osmund, and Mr. R. S. Capell.

Wreaths were sent by: Dr. and Mrs. Eu Sai-tai, Dr. and Mrs. Eu Shui-tai and children, Kanyamally, Ltd., Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge of St. John, Mr. F. M. Ellis, President Kowloon Cricket Club, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shroff, Mrs. T. F. Tai, Mr. H. Way, Sir Robert Kotevalli, Dr. and Mrs. F. Buxley, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ruttonjee, Miss Mary G. Clarke, Mr. H. W. Kwok, Mr. Marcus A. R. Souza, Lily and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. L. Rahman, Dr. Fok Wing-ai, Tze-tin Chen, Friends at the Gospel Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. White, Mr. Cheng Po-lin, Mr. M. Nemaze, Elsie and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dunn, Directors of the Church of Christ, Mr. T. C. Chung, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gregory, Mr. H. Abdullah, Mr. M. Esmail, Mr. Pun Keok-yin, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Wong and family, Mrs. H. N. Capell and family, Mr. Y. H. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pestonji, Mr. D. S. Paowalla, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittens, Dr. S. T. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gidley, Britannia Silk Store, Drs. C. and E. To and Tyeb and Company and others.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

A dealer in dogs, Hung Kam, aged 28, was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with cruelty to animals and was fined \$75 or three weeks.

According to the prosecution, at 6.20 p.m. on December 24, defendant hired a coolie to carry two sacks for him. In one of the sacks were two dogs and in the other a dog and a cat.

A constable questioned defendant and when the sacks were opened two dogs had already died of suffocation.

The other dog and the cat were ordered to be placed in the care of Mautauk Slaughter House.

Found in possession of 15,740 cigarettes of various brands of American manufacture, Lai Choon-hon, shop folk of No. 1 Tai Hon Street, ground floor received a fine of \$200 or two months at Central yesterday.

Inspector J. Redman, who prosecuted, was granted an order for confiscation.

HK Gets Site At BIF

Hong Kong has been allocated a 700-square-foot corner site at the forthcoming British Industries Fair.

An attractive modern stand to accommodate Hong Kong's exhibits will be built by a specialist firm in London.

Merchant houses were advised yesterday that applications for space should be made early to the joint secretaries of the Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee, Mr. J. Kite at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. J. W. Ferris at the Imports and Exports Department.

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On behalf of these children I will be very glad to receive and forward used Christmas or New Year cards which their owners do not want to dispose of in any other way. Will any one who would like to have his cards made good use of in this way please forward them to me at the address, at the foot of this notice, preferably well before Christmas. New Year cards will be accepted up to the 29th January 1949.

By arrangement with the Postmaster General packages of these cards may be sent to me postage free if they are marked "Used Christmas Cards" on the top left-hand corner, and are left open at each end. If the package is too bulky to be slipped into a normal street pillar-box it may be handed over to the counter at any Post Office.

J. C. McDouall,
Social Welfare Officer,
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs,
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NOTICE

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In the interests of Shippers and Conference Members it has been found desirable to revise Clause 6(b) in the present contract; and, as per provision in Clause 8 of same Contract, Shippers are hereby notified that effective April 1st, 1949, the General Commodities Contract at present in effect will be terminated, and a new one will come into effect.

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G. A. LEMAY,
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Trans-Pacific Freight Conference
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Six Lectures on the Social Services in Hong Kong are being arranged by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, in the Lecture Room, Press Relations Office, Statue Square.

They will be given on alternate Wednesdays at 5.30 p.m. commencing on Wednesday, January 5th. The Chair at the first lecture will be taken by the Hon. Sir Man Kam Lo and the Rev. T. F. Ryan S.J. will speak on "The Social Condition of Hong Kong."

Other lecturers in the series will include Miss M. S. Watson, M.B.E. (Principal Almoner) and Mr. J. Norman, Superintendent of Prisons. Full particulars and tickets may be had from the Secretary of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, China Building, 4th floor, Room 403.

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Signed—H. DREYER
C. W. L. COLE
B. R. RASMUSSEN
Hong Kong, Dec. 28, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF
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NOTICE

This Department will be closed on Friday, the 31st of December, 1948 and Saturday, the 1st of January, 1949, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

E. HIMSWORTH,
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports.

Dated: Dec. 28, 1948.

NOTICE

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It is Government's intention to change the name of "Gap Road" to "Queen's Road East."

Any objections to this alteration should be addressed to the Director of Public Works, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong within one month from the date of this notice.

V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, Dec. 29, 1948.

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A series of short evening services will be held daily at 5.30 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral. On January 9, there will be an interchange of pupils.

The preachers will be: Hong Kong Union Church: the Rev. Mr. L. F. Foot; English Methodist Church, Wanchai: the Very Rev. Mr. A. P. Rose; Holy Trinity Church (H.M.S. Tamar): the Rev. Mr. R. C. H. Swain; Stanley Garrison Church: the Rev. Mr. G. F. Barker; St. John's Cathedral: the Rev. Mr. J. E. Sandbach; St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon: the Rev. Mr. G. N. Stevenson; Kowloon Union Church: the Rev. Mr. J. H. Ogilvie; Christ Church, Kowloon Tong: the Rev. Mr. Frank Short; St. Michael's, Kai Tak: the Rev. Mr. Clifford Davies.

A United Service of Christian witness will be held at St. John's Cathedral (for Hong Kong) and St. Andrew's Church (for Kowloon) on January 9 at 6.30 p.m. The service at St. John's will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Frank Short and the preacher will be the Right Reverend Bishop R. O. Hall.

The service at St. Andrew's will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. John H. Ogilvie, and the preacher will be the Rev. Mr. John Bechtel. The week's programme follows:

January 3: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: The Dean on "The Social Order in Britain".
January 4: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. J. E. Sandbach on "Crises in China".
January 5: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Brigadier Waller, S.A., on "The Colony of Hong Kong".
January 6: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. G. N. Stevenson, M.A., on "The United Nations Organization".
January 7: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Canon E. W. L. Martin, M.A., on "Education and Youth Movement".
January 8: St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Frank Short on "The Occumenical Movement".
January 9: St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong (The Bishop), St. Andrew's, Kowloon (Rev. John Bechtel).

The Eternal
Triangle

Tsang Kai-chung, aged 25, said that he wanted to commit suicide because his wife was misbehaving herself with another man in Canton, when charged at Central yesterday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The defendant was alleged to have been drunk and chased people with a chopper on December 27 at 19 Wing Wo Street, ground floor.

An alarm was raised and a squad of the Emergency Unit arrived at the scene, after which defendant was sent to Queen Mary Hospital and certified drunk.

He was afterwards warned to behave himself but continued, it was alleged, to be disorderly when brought to Central.

The Magistrate, Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, said he was doubtful if the defendant was "all there" and recommended him to be re-examined.

The case was remanded to December 30.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
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HAVING some established or high-card trick winners in the dummy, and then possessing no card of their suit to lead to them is an uncomfortable position for a declarer. At such a time, however, he may be able to get over there by means of a deft, thoroughly leading to a defender who in turn will have to give the dummy the lead. Plays of that sort occur so rarely that they may be classed as freaks.

S 7 4 2
H 8 5 3
D A K J 7 6
C 5 4
S None
H A K 10
D 9 8 4
C J 10 9
0 2
S A K Q J 10
H Q 7 4 2
D None
C A Q 6 3

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 S 2 H 3 D 4 Bl
J NT

That crazy bid, without a solitary card of his partner's suit, was due to South's shooting for impossible topscoring in a duplicate game. Through sheer luck, and a single vital mistake by the de-

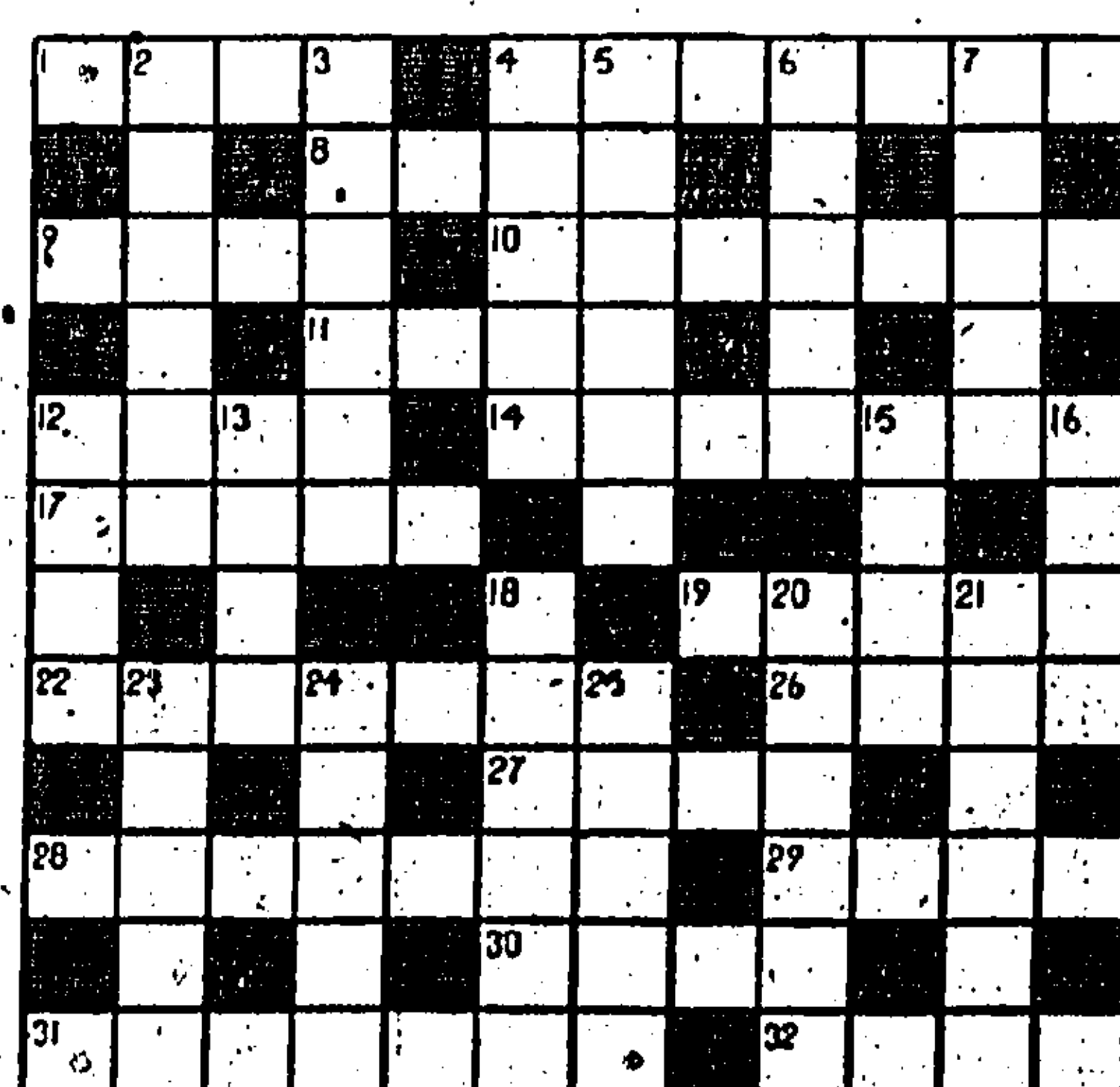
fence and one very queer play, South managed to get away with it.

West did not like the looks of his heart suit after East put the J on his K lead, so switched to the club J. East decided not to tell South too much of the club story, so played low and held on to his K. The declarer, nevertheless, divined the situation. Winning with the club Q, he followed with five spade tricks, on which West shed two hearts and his three diamonds.

Reading the facts aright, South reckoned that, if he scored his club A to drop the K, West could win the next lead, and beat his head off with hearts and clubs. So he purposely led from his club A, compelling East to win the now singleton K. Having nothing left but diamonds, East led his 10 to the J. The A and K then won and were followed by the 7 to the Q-5. East won with the Q, but then had to give the declarer an extra trick with the 5 to the 6. Of course if East had used his K on the first club trick, that play would have been impossible.

How high must your partner's card on a trick be to have you consider it "encouraging," and how low to be "discouraging."

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Applaud. 19 Excuses.
4 Restricted. 22 Liberty.
6 Check. 26 Press.
9 Tune. 27 Ray.
10 Comes into view. 28 Null.
11 Active. 30 Conceal.
12 Fixed. 31 Bird of prey.
14 Surround. 32 Discourteous.
17 Hibernian.

Down
2 Storeroom. 13 Mature.
3 Sacred. 16 Past.
4 Depart. 18 Moveable.
5 To be imminent. 20 Timber.
6 Perfect. 23 Wash out.
7 Merits. 24 Precise.
12 Quarrel. 25 Award.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Decamp, 5 Ranger, 8 Armed, 9 Furor, 10 Shrew, 11 Slope, 12 Nook, 13 Erase, 16 Educated, 18 Assent, 20 Eel, 22 Trio, 23 Tenor, 25 Naive, 26 Barbed, 27 Amber, 28 Stops, 29 Defend.

DOWN—1 Definite, 2 Corporeal, 3 Mars, 4 Prelude, 5 Respect, 6 Adhere, 7 Guess, 14 Adorable, 15 Extolled, 16 Esteem, 17 Unrobbed, 19 Satrap, 21 Chart, 24 Rare.

DISORDERLY
CONDUCT

In the first hour of yesterday morning, Thomas Black, able seaman, was slamming the open window outside the Terminus Fire Station Quarters when the RAF Police Mobile Patrol happened to pass by and took him into custody.

He was fined \$10 for disorderly conduct by Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday. Inspector J. Oram conducted the prosecution.

Russians Release Americans

Headquarters of the 22nd Squadron spent a day in negotiation with Russian liaison officers for the men's release. First reports of the incident came from the German police. United Press.

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LAUREN BACALL in

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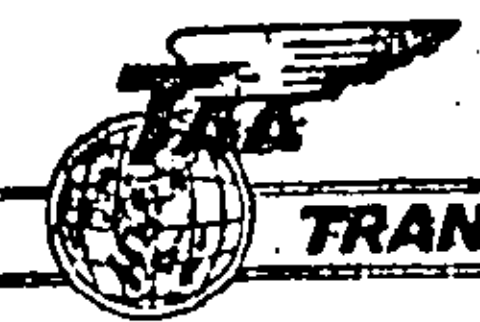
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WESTERN UNION?

Difficulties are appearing every day in the realisation of the plan for a Western Union and a European Federation. Yesterday it was the matter of the Ruhr which threatened to cloud relations. The decision to return to the German authorities the ownership of the Ruhr industries—a decision taken despite French objections and without consulting the Paris government—was evidence of the little notice taken of French opinion in London or in Washington. It is true that strong French protests bore a little fruit. The decision that France be included immediately in the control of the coal, iron and steel industries of the Ruhr, without waiting for the French zone to be integrated with the Bizone, represented an important degree of appeasement; it is, however incomplete since this solution does not cover the period which will follow the Allied occupation. The question of the ownership of these Ruhr industries will have to be settled therefore when the Peace Treaty is drawn up, which is what France demands.

But there was barely time to congratulate oneself on the disappearance of this cloud before a fresh incident occurred to prove decisively that, in Washington and London, a France weakened by grave domestic troubles, is continually treated as a country of little importance. For the second time Washington and London came to an agreement without consulting the French Government, and in a matter in which after all French interest is primordial. The decision this time concerned the future of the Italian colonies. The announcement was made that the U.S. and Britain had decided, . . . and without asking France's opinion, to recommend to the UN Assembly the granting to Ethiopia of a ten year Mandate on Eritrea and the two ports of Assab and Massaua. The fate of Asmara in Western Eritrea is left in abeyance for a year, and Italy is given a Mandate on Somaliland. But the decision on Libya is much more serious. This concerns the immediate settlement of the fate of Cirenaica, which will become, without delay, an autonomous Arab State. As all the Italian colonists had fled from Olteneica at the time of the Eighth Army advance, through fear of being massacred by the rising of the natives against the Italians it was difficult to find a solution for the return of the Italians would have come up against the hostility of the native tribes, a hostility which would have been fed by the propaganda of the Egyptian Government. But in the case of Tripolitania, where a large number of Italian colonists have remained, and to which it would have been easy to persuade those who had taken refuge in Sicily to return, it was common sense to bring the country back to normal conditions by giving the Italian colonists the chance to complete their work. One cannot deny the value of the efforts accomplished by Marshal Balbo and the twenty years work of the Italians. The French Government, at the time of the negotiations last September, had therefore stated that it was in favour of the granting to Italy of a Mandate on Tripolitania. Britain and France, however, decided to postpone a solution for a further year.

THE FORTY-FOURTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

The degree of surprise we achieved and accounted to some extent for the low order of active opposition on most of the beaches. In the Omaha sector an elite enemy division, the 352nd, which prisoners stated had been in the area on manoeuvres and defence exercises, accounted for some of the intense fighting in that locality.



During the course of the day I made a tour along all the beaches, finding opportunities to confer with principal commanders, including Montgomery. Toward evening and while proceeding at high speed along the coast, our destroyer ran aground and was so badly damaged that we had to change to another ship for the return to England.

The next few days thoroughly taxed the soundness of the build-up plan that had been so patiently devised over many months. On the whole it stood the strain exceedingly well, but here and there emergency conditions of the battlefield demanded minor changes in plan and my location at Portsmouth enabled those changes to be executed swiftly and smoothly.

Unforeseen difficulties are always certain to develop in the execution of a plan of this kind; frequently they involve two or more of the services. They are easily enough handled if the high command is alert to the situation and in position instantly to make a decision that prevents the difficulty from assuming unnecessary proportions. For example, where planned naval schedules are exceeded, or loading and unloading facilities suffer damage, ships begin to pile up either in debarkation or embarkation points. This represents

has a sense of gratification whenever he sees very high rank in his particular vicinity, possibly on the theory that the area is a safe one or the rank wouldn't be there.

The period from D-day to our decisive breakout on July 26 was a definite phase of the Allied operation and has received the name "Battle of the Breachhead." Intervened in battles of the past, for soldier and civilian alike, often centres around points that were either of no great moment at the time of their happening or did not impress the actors as being so. An extraordinary amount of research and analysis, to say nothing of change and counter-change, frequently concerns the originator of an idea; the detail in which developments conformed to preconceived plans; the inspiration for given decisions and the influence of particular individuals upon particular actions.

The Battle of the Normandy Beachhead proved no exception to this rule. A deal of froth and fury, as well as much painstaking

already at sea and created some doubt as to whether they could be ready twenty-four hours later in the next day should prove favourable for the assault. Actually the manoeuvre of the ships in the Irish Sea proved most difficult by reason of the storm. That they succeeded in gaining ports, refueling, and rendering themselves to resume the movement a day later represented the almost in seamanship and in brilliant command and staff work.

The conference on the evening of June 4 presented little, if any, added brightness to the picture of the morning, and tension mounted even higher because the inescapable consequences of postponement were almost too bitter to contemplate.

At three-thirty the next morning the little camp was shaking and shuddering under a wind of almost hurricane proportions and the accompanying rain seemed to be travelling in horizontal streaks. The mile-long trip through muddy roads to the naval headquarters was anything but a cheerful one, since it seemed impossible that in such conditions there was any reason for even discussing the situation.

When the conference started the first report given us by Group Captain Stagg and the Meteorological Staff was that the bad conditions predicted the day before for the coast of France were actually prevailing there and that if we had persisted in the attempt to land on June 5 a major disaster would almost surely have resulted. This they probably told us in their most candid manner in their next astonishing declaration, which was that by the following morning a period of relatively good weather, heretofore completely unexpected, would ensue, lasting probably thirty-six hours. The long-term prediction was not good but they did give us assurance that this short period of good weather would intervene between the extension of the storm we were then experiencing and the beginning of the next spell of really bad weather.

The prospect was not bright because of the possibility that it might land the first several waves successfully and then later suffer a complete reversal, and so have to leave the isolated original attacking forces easy prey to German counteraction. However, the consequences of the delay justified great risk and I quickly announced the decision to go ahead with the attack on June 6. The time was then 4:15 a.m., June 6. No one present disagreed and there was a definite highland of faces as, without a further word, each went off to his respective post of duty to flash out to his command the messages that would set the whole host in motion.

A number of people appealed to me for permission to go aboard the supporting naval ships in order to witness the attack. Every member of staff can always develop a dozen arguments why he, in particular, should accompany an expedition rather than remain at the only post, the centre of communications, where he can be useful. Permission was granted to all except those with special military responsibilities and, of course, the allotted quotas of press and radio representatives.

Among those who were refused permission was the Prime Minister. His request was undoubtedly inspired as much by his natural instincts as a warrior as by his impatience at the prospect of sitting quietly back in London to digest reports. I argued, however, that the chance of his becoming an accidental casualty was too important from the standpoint of the whole war effort and I refused his request. He replied, with complete accuracy, that while I was in sole command of the operation, it was my duty to delegate to me by both governments, such authority did

not include administrative control over the British organization. He said, "Since this is true it is not part of your responsibility, my dear General, to determine the exact composition of any ship's company in His Majesty's Fleet. This being true," he rather shyly continued, "by shipping myself as a bona fide member of a ship's complement it would be beyond your authority to prevent my going."

All of this I had dutifully conceded, but I forcefully pointed out that he was adding to my personal burdens in this thwarting of my instructions. Even, however, while I was acknowledging defeat in the matter, and came from an unexpected source. I later heard that the King had learned of the Prime Minister's intention and, while not presuming to interfere with the decision reached by Mr. Churchill, he sent word that if the Prime Minister felt it necessary to go on the expedition he, the King, felt it to be equally his duty and privilege to participate at the head of his troops. This instantly placed a different light upon the matter and I heard no more of it.

Nevertheless, my sympathies were entirely with the Prime Minister. Again I had to endure the interminable wait that always intervenes between the final decision of the high command and the earliest possible determination of success or failure in such ventures. I spent the time visiting troops that would participate in the assault. A late-evening visit on the fifth took me to the camp of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, one of the units whose participation had been so severely questioned by the air commander. I found the men in fine fettle, many of them justly admonishing me that I had no cause for worry, since the 101st was on the job and everything would be taken care of in fine shape. I stayed with them until the last of them were turned out in the middle of the night. After a two-hour trip back to my own camp, I had only a short time to wait until the first news should come in.

Chapter 14 D-DAY AND LODGMET

THE FIRST REPORT CAME from the airborne units I had visited only a few hours earlier and was most encouraging in tone. As the morning wore on it became apparent that the landing was going fairly well. Montgomery took off in a destroyer to visit the beaches and to find a place in which to set up his own advanced headquarters. I promised to visit him on the following day.

Operations in the Utah area, which involved the co-operation of the amphibious landing with the American airborne operation, proceeded satisfactorily, as did those on the extreme left flank. The day's reports, however, showed that extremely fierce fighting had developed in the Omaha sector. That was the spot, I decided, to which I would proceed the next morning.

We made the trip in a destroyer and upon arrival found that the 1st and 29th Divisions, assaulting on Omaha, had finally dislodged the enemy and were proceeding swiftly inland. Isolated centres of resistance still held out and some of them sustained a most annoying artillery fire against our beaches and landing ships. I had a chance to confer with General Bradley and found him, as always, stouthearted and confident of the result. In point of fact the resistance encountered on Omaha Beach was at about the level we had feared all along the line. The conviction of the German that we would not attack in the weather then prevailing, was a definite factor in

waste when time is vital and shipping is a bottleneck. Cohesion is likely to develop unless someone with authority is in position to make necessary decisions quickly. To take care of this type of difficulty a staff agency, comprising representatives from all services, had been set up. Through it was satisfactorily handled the matter of insuring the availability and loading of troops, and supplies at ports and co-ordinating these with the arrival and dispatch of ships. We had remarkably little trouble, once the difficult initial days were behind us.

We soon learned that strain had also been developing in Washington during the long pre-invasion period of preparation. We were scarcely well on the beaches when General Marshall, Admiral King, General Arnold, and a group from their respective staffs arrived in England. I arranged to take them into the beachhead during the day of June 12. Their presence, as they roamed around the areas with every indication of keen satisfaction, was heartening to the troops. The importance of such visits by the high command, including, at times, the highest officials of government, can scarcely be overestimated in terms of their value to soldiers' morale. The soldier

ing and objective research, have been devoted to the support of individual theories concerning matters which, had they been recognised at the time as of special later value, might have been settled for all time by the maintenance of written record.

Fortunately most soldiers in war become very objective and the judgment of history does not seem as important in the midst of battle, as does victory. Moreover, the lack of time and the demands upon the attention of all commanders and staff officers preclude the keeping of day-by-day and minute-by-minute accounts of everything that happens. Many significant actions are initiated by verbal contract, and frequently no record is kept. Battle orders, even for large formations, are often written after instructions have been issued in an exhaustive conference. Notes of the actual discussions do not exist. Moreover, later curiosity so often concerns itself with responsibility for thought and idea, rather than with events and results, that possibly even the most painstaking annals could not have any clear and unchallengeable account of all the occurrences that go to make up a campaign.

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RUSSIAN DEMANDS FOR ACTION IN INDONESIA TURNED DOWN BY UN

13,000,000 Prisoners In Russia

Berlin, December 27. The Russians are holding more than 13 million prisoners, including many women and children, in concentration camps in the Soviet Union, the American Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, declared today.

Two million of the prisoners are German civilians, and prisoners of war still held in the Soviet Union are not included in the figure, Mr. Royall told a press conference.

"I base my figures on a most reliable intelligence survey made in my report over a period of several months," he said.

"Nine million of the concentration camp inmates are Russians, two million Germans and the remainder Poles, Czechs and dozens of other nationalities. The prisoners include many women and children."

Mr. Royall, who quoted the concentration camp figures as an example of "totalitarianism," said he had been most impressed in all the European and Mediterranean countries he had visited in the last weeks by the "growing courage of these nations in their stand against totalitarian aggression."—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN BOMBAY

Bombay, December 28. Students twice demonstrated yesterday against the Dutch action in Indonesia. Seven persons were injured.

The students seized an emblem from the Dutch, but police prevented them from throwing it into the sea. Four students were hurt.

Earlier, demonstrators tried to prevent consulate employees from entering their building. One police inspector and two demonstrators were injured in the scuffle.—Associated Press.

America Accused Of Hypocrisy

London, December 28. Pravda, the Communist Party's Moscow newspaper, accused the United States yesterday of hypocrisy in its handling of the Indonesian dispute.

Writing from Paris, Pravda's correspondent Yuri Zhukov said:

"The U.S. representative, by demanding urgent convocation of the Council, was in no way guided by a desire to bridge the aggressor and assist in protecting the lawful interests of the Indonesian Republic."

"American diplomacy, verbally censuring the Dutch armed invasion of the Indonesian Republic, has no intention whatsoever of taking measures to limit this aggression," Zhukov added. The Pravda writer claimed re-

Paris, December 27. The United Nations Security Council today rejected Russia's demand that it order a cease fire and Dutch troop withdrawal in Indonesia within the next 24 hours.

Last week Soviet and French abstentions killed a similar American proposal. Today, the United States and Britain abstained, so the Russian resolution got only five votes. It needed seven for a majority.

Commenting on East-West manoeuvring within the Council, the American delegate (Dr. Philip Jessup) said, "I decline to be put in a false position by other delegations. The record of the United States on Indonesia is before the world."

The Ukraine's Vassily Tarasenko declared: "Without the United States' financial help, the Netherlands would have been unable to wage war in Indonesia. The United States Government cannot escape responsibility."

The Council adjourned just before 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning.

After the vote, the Russian member (Mr. Jacob Malik) said briefly and bitterly: "It is clear that the United States and the United Kingdom want to shun any effective action."

Dutch Refusal

First Mr. Malik offered a resolution which would have ordered the Netherlands to halt hostilities in Indonesia within 24 hours and withdraw her troops to positions they held before the present police action.

The Soviet Union, the Ukraine, China and Syria voted for it.

The United States, Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Argentina and Colombia abstained. Then the Ukraine proposed a troop withdrawal order alone.

Colombia joined the affirmative voters for the first resolution, but the others again abstained.

Mr. Malik submitted his resolution when the Dutch delegate refused to tell the Council whether his Government would comply with the cease fire order issued last Friday.

"Shamoful Action"

Colombia submitted a resolution, to be considered tomorrow, asking the UN Good Offices Commission in Indonesia to report to the Security Council on compliance with Friday's cease fire order.

Events in Indonesia are taking place not only with the knowledge of the U.S. but are to a considerable extent, if not to a decisive extent, inspired by the U.S.

"The U.S. representative on the Security Council, huddling phrasological thunderbolts at the use of gross violence by the Netherlands Government," Zhukov wrote, "and hypocritically sympathizes with the Indonesian Republic, covered with a sea of bloodshed in the invasion of foreigners armed to the teeth with American tanks and American bombers."—Associated Press.

The resolution also would ask the Commission to report on conditions in areas now under military occupation or from which armed forces now in occupation may be withdrawn.

Mr. Tarasenko called the Dutch action "illegal, shameful and contrary to the UN Charter."

His attack can compete with similar ones by Hitler," he added. He also alleged that he was kept in New York until December 24 because of the delay of the French Consulate General to grant him a visa. Hence, he said, he would make his statement on Indonesia now.

French Reply

The French delegate (M. Alexandre Parodi) said Mr. Tarasenko's visa application was brought to the New York Consulate by a minor assistant who had given no indication of its importance. He said it went through the regular channels to Washington, where a visa was immediately granted.

He added that even a telephone call from the Ukrainian authorities to indicate the importance of the application would have hurried it through immediately.

A French spokesman later added that Mr. Tarasenko's name was not recognized by the Consulate General and it was only when the Embassy in Washington realized he was a United Nations delegate that the application was hurried through.—United Press.

Holland's Appeal To Washington

The Hague, December 28. The Netherlands Government suggested to the U.S. yesterday that Economic Co-operation Administration aid to Indonesia should be resumed.

The U.S. discontinued ECA assistance to Indonesia following the Dutch attack on the Far Eastern Republic.

Yesterday the Netherlands made public a letter from the Ambassador, Eelco N. Van Kieftens, in Washington, to the ECA Administrator, Paul G. Hoffman.

He recalled the economic purposes of the Marshall Plan and urged to prove that aid to Indonesia has prompted economic recovery.

The Dutch Government declared itself disappointed by Mr. Hoffman's statement that a clarification of the present situation in Indonesia is needed before aid can be granted.—Associated Press.

RESCUED BY A HELICOPTER

New York, December 27. The only occupant of a sea-plane which crashed into Jamaica Bay, near the Idlewild International Airport, New York, today was rescued by a police helicopter.

The man was piloting a civilian plane which had just left Brooklyn, New York. He was dazed but without serious injuries.—Reuter.

KLM Planes Stranded

The Hague, December 28. KLM, the Royal Dutch Airlines, announce that several of its planes have been stranded on the Far East run because of bans imposed by India and Pakistan.

The two nations denied the Dutch airlines permission to land in their territories as a protest against the Dutch Government's police action in Indonesia.

KLM said one plane is still in Baara with 20 adults and a number of children staying in a hotel. A second plane, without passengers, is in Bangkok. Four other planes are in Batavia.—Associated Press.

Inflation Spiral Hits Shanghai

Shanghai, December 27.

China's latest inflationary spell threatened to assume a galloping character today when another wild buying spree sent prices in the local share, commodity and financial markets up another 30 per cent.

Thus, in two successive trading days—Christmas Eve, when quotations spiraled over 40 per cent on the news of the Central Bank's suspension of gold sales, and today—prices here have risen some 70 per cent.

The prime cause of the latest panicly unloading of Chinese currency was the report, as yet unconfirmed, that the Central Bank will resume public sales of gold bars shortly at a revised higher rate than the present 2,000 gold yuan per ounce.

The U.S. dollar today touched a new high of 117 gold yuan after opening at 95, while gold bars climbed from 4,800 to 5,700 per ounce.

A similar bullish trend pervaded the commodity and share markets, which were swamped with buying orders.

In the midst of this financial confusion, the city's leading councillors, meeting at the opening of the eighth plenary session of the Shanghai City Council, urged the local populace to disregard Communist-inspired rumours, aiming at upsetting social order and national economy.

In a brief speech, Mayor K. C. Wu deprecated the rumours of possible peace talks. He said: "Lasting peace can only be achieved by hard struggle and ultimate victory."

Most Bombed Bishop Dead

Hereford, December 27. Dr. Richard Parsons, Bishop of Hereford, died in a hospital at Hereford on Sunday night, at the age of 66.

He was taken to hospital on Christmas Eve. Bishop Parsons went to Hereford in 1941 after being Bishop of Southwark since 1932.

Near his home in Kennington—he lived in an ordinary house—four churches were bombed during the war and he became known as London's most bombed Bishop.

In May, 1946, Bishop Parsons toured Yugoslavia as the representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A number of arrests by Yugoslav police followed.

He leaves a widow and one son. His elder son died of wounds in Egypt in 1942.—Reuter.

TITO SAYS MAY TRADE WITH WESTERN EUROPE

Belgrade, December 27.

Marshal Josef Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, today threatened to divert Yugoslav exports of raw materials to the West if the Cominform countries continue to violate trade agreements.

Marshal Tito, who was speaking in the Yugoslav Parliament debate on the budget, said Yugoslavia will be compelled to do this to obtain from the other side the machinery she so badly needs.

Referring to plans to industrialise Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito said this did not suit many States which expected Yugo-

slavia to remain a source of raw materials for their industry.

Yugoslavia had decided to exploit all her own resources contrary to their advice as it had thought iron ore to justify the construction of a heavy industry. It was absurd to export copper, bauxite, aluminium and re-export them in other forms.

Marshal Tito said that of Yugoslavia's total exports in 1948, 72 per cent of copper, 62 of antimony, 59 of lead, 97.3 of zinc and 72 per cent of mercury and 100 per cent of iron ore had gone to Russia and the Cominform countries.

Defence Budget

Last year had been the most difficult for Yugoslavia but nevertheless the annual economic plan had been fulfilled 100.4 per cent "in spite of economic pressure against our country, which forced us to produce some items we did not produce before."

Marshal Tito said that the defence budget in the coming year would be considerably increased due to the necessity for improving rearmaments, building a war industry and producing houses for officers.

Among those for 1949, Marshal Tito cited building a heavy industry, improving agriculture, because in its present form it cannot cope with the needs of the nation, and building more houses for workers in mines and factories.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL MOUNTS

Chicago, December 28. The holiday death toll in the United States mounted to 377 on Monday.

Of these, 207 were killed in traffic accidents and 32 died in fires. The remainder were from miscellaneous accidental causes, including three frozen to death. Seven members of one family died in a Christmas Day fire which destroyed their home at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Another family of six similarly perished at Barre, Massachusetts. Four members of a family were burned to death at Kansas City. Five negroes perished in a Bessemer, Alabama, fire.—Associated Press.

CHRISTMAS MAIL A RECORD

London, December 27. The Postmaster-General announced today that the Christmas mail was the heaviest since the war.

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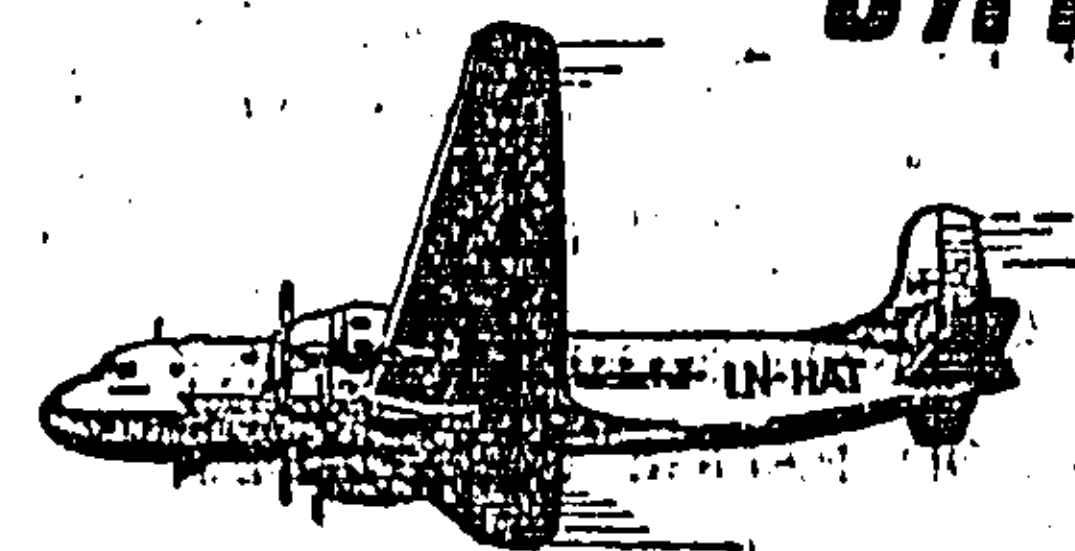
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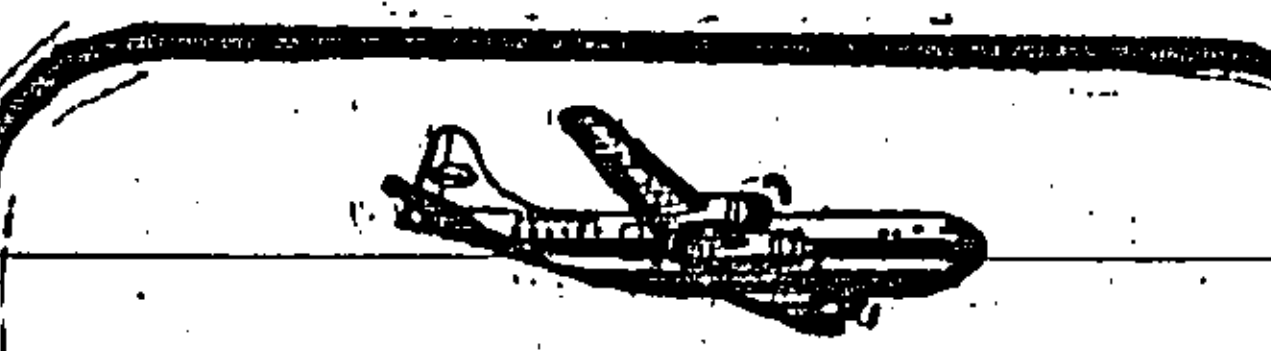
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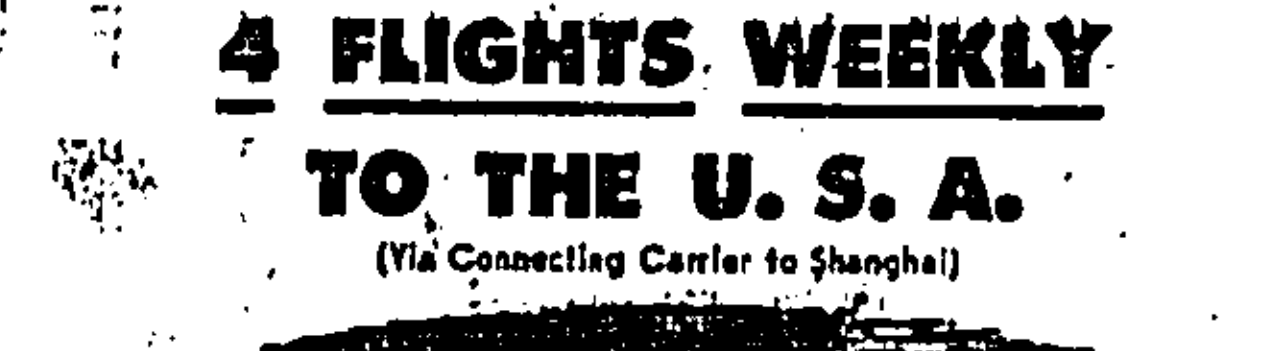
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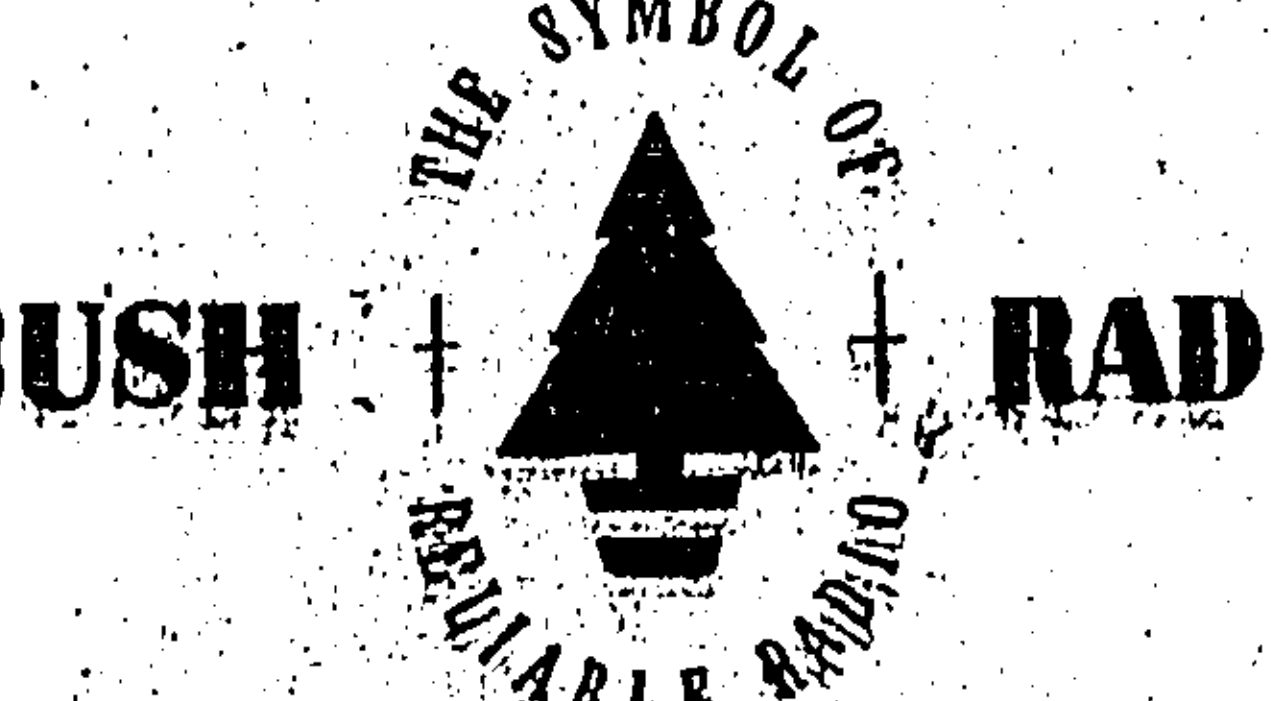
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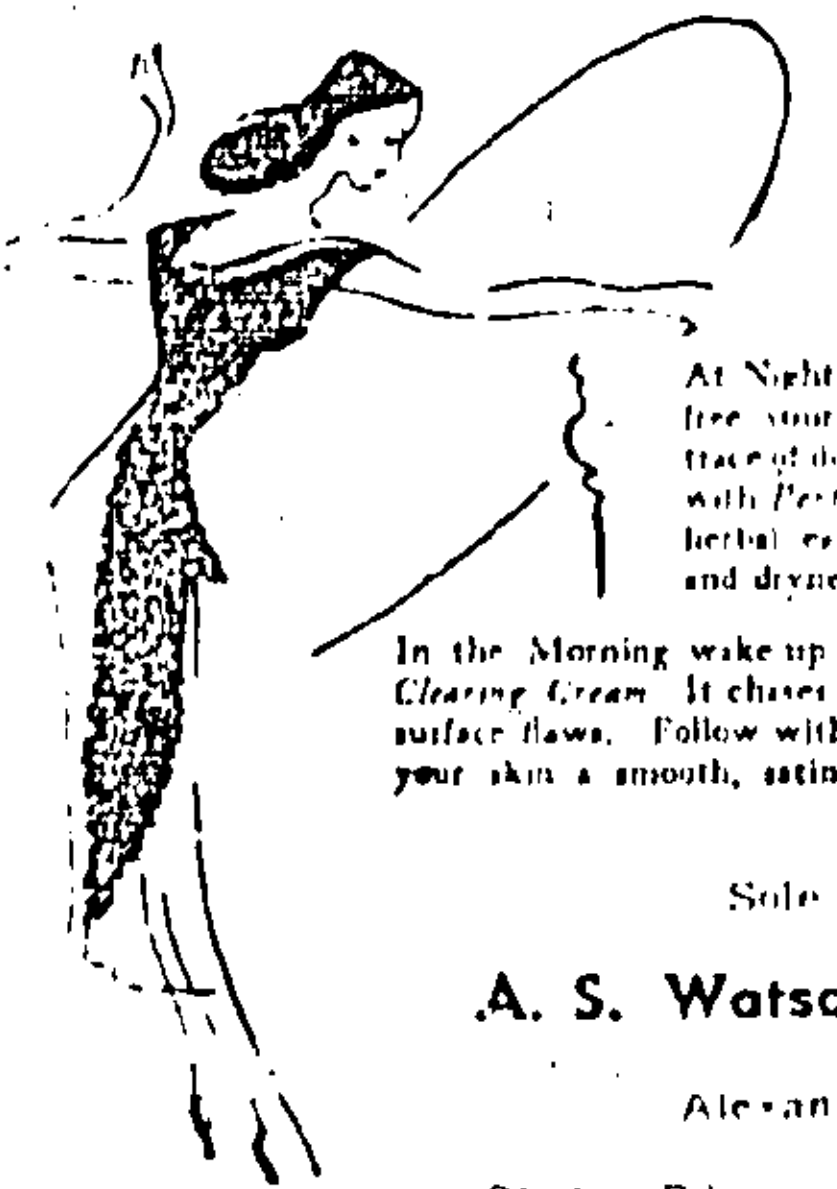
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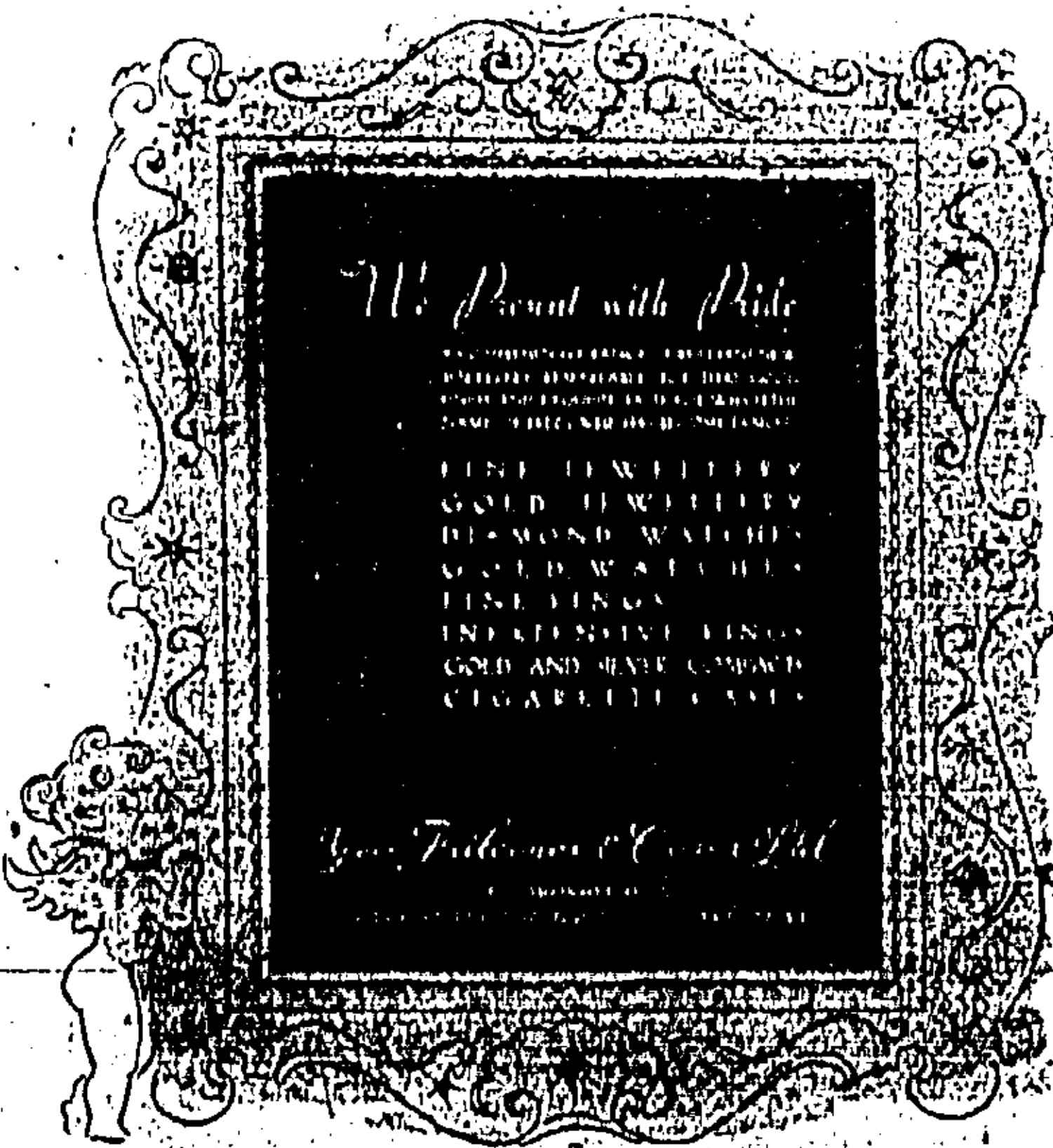
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TEN RESOLUTIONS FOR BEAUTY

By CLAUDIA

New Year resolutions are apt, alas, to be showy rather than durable... they catch the interest for a while but fade away all too quickly.

About our beauty resolutions, however, we must be really serious. Who has not said to herself, at some time or another, "These wrinkles around the eyes! I must start using a good nourishing cream every night," or "Hair just gets dryer and lankier! I simply must begin this daily brushing business: everyone says it's the only thing" or gives herself some similar reminder.

Well, now is the time to do something about it. Let your resolution be this... to do justice to yourself by giving the very best of yourself by giving beauty the care and attention it deserves. There is no miracle cream which will turn a plain face into a pretty one overnight, but every woman can be attractive, well-groomed and charming.

Beauty care is largely a matter of routine, carried on in unbroken sequence. If only you can stick to the routine you lay down for yourself, it will soon become a habit as easy and natural as eating or sleeping. We all know where we are apt to slip up, which details we are inclined to overlook, but here are 10 suggested resolutions to help you make up your own list:

1. Never again will I go to bed without bothering to cleanse and cream my face. No matter how late the hour, no matter how tired I feel, every last speck of make-up shall be removed... and I won't forget the mascara!

2. I'm going to find a really good nourishing cream and I'm going to use it at least every other day and more often when my skin gets dry. I'll remember to massage it gently into the neck as well as the face and leave it on for a good 20 minutes. N. B. Bath time is as good a time as any.

Hair Brushing

3. Every single day, I'm going to brush my hair for a solid five minutes... by the clock! I seem to make this resolution every year, but this time there will be no falling by the wayside. Having presented myself with a new, stiff hair brush for Christmas, I'm not going to wait for the New Year, but start right now.



Maureen O'Hara's hair is glossy and luxuriant.

4. I'm going to start off the New Year with a new hair style. I have been wearing this one for ages and it's high time I had a change. Some of the new short styles are really very pretty... and a new hat to go with it!

5. Every single morning too, I'm going to drink a glass of water and do my "keep fit" exercises. Something simply must be done about these extra pounds which all seem to concentrate around the same area, so I'll add a couple of special ones for hips and tummy.

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New Fashions For Old

By JOAN WHITE

The fundamental lines for the coming season are decided now and there is nothing you or I can do about it but thoughtfully turn out our clothes closet to look over last year's favourites and see what can be done to bring them right up to date.

The severe good taste of London's designers has been modified a bit this season. The good taste remains; it is the severity which has gone with the austere times which caused it. In other words the designers have really let themselves go and thoroughly enjoyed lavish trimmings, richness of velvet and satin, and, particularly for evening wear, wonderful glowing colour contrasts.



Worth of London put rich black velvet on this tobacco brown wool suit, and outlined it with black silk braid.

So if the lines of your favourite dress are not too demode, you can easily give it a sharp flavour of Hartnell or Worth by the judicious application of new trimmings.

For instance, an upstanding shawl collar of contrasting material can be added to your tweed coat, and wide bulky cuffs, caught in with a huge button, in the new material will give it that almost 1926 look which many of the new country coats have this season.

Brand embroidery is used extensively on town suits; black on black, of course, but also black on red and black on beige and the new mole shades. Black and brown together give a sophisticated and rich effect. This does not mean that you are now forgiven for running out in your black suit and an old pair of brown shoes, or with brown shoes and black gloves. Instead do as Worth has done.

This trimly cut town suit in tobacco brown wool can have for 1940 new black velvet lapels on which you sew elaborate convolutions of black silk braid. Your gloves can be of velvet, braided, your very simple hat can combine the two colours, and all your accessories will be firmly of the same colour, either black or brown. One word of warning: this is a very difficult thing to pull off, but if your colouring is bright and your skin clear and you feel confident of success, believe me, nothing could look more elegant.

World Famous Embroidery

Norman Hartnell's collection naturally included much of the exquisite embroidery he has made world-famous. Now he combines in his evening dresses arresting designs in sequins and beads with the rich colours of Persia, India and South America. While work of this kind must generally be created by a master hand, nevertheless, you may be able to borrow something of the effect with the bands of trimming and sequin motifs you can buy at notion counters.

A wonderful evening gown reminiscent of an Indian sari in bronze silk was heavily embroidered with bands of iridescent brown beads. On another ball gown of white, orchid and violet duchess satin he had embroidered sprays of white lilacs across the breast.

Rahvis used embroidery too for cocktail and evening. Does her double cap sleeve embroidered with tiny beads inspire you? Michael Sherard and Rahvis are two of London's leading designers who have succumbed to Spanish influence. Rahvis showed a black Spanish tricorn hat with hanging velvet scarf which was knotted behind in two places, worn with a gent-shaped coat of intense red.

Michael Sherard showed an evening gown in "winter sunshine" yellow with the bodice half covered in the coarse black lattice lace worn in every production of Carmen. (A very effective way of hiding signs of wear!) He also edged a black plectoral hat with bobble fringe and trimmed his matching gloves with the same. Very fussy and elegant.

It may not be easy to lead in fashion—for that one must be inspired—but it is not difficult to follow a good leader if we select the most important trends and get busy with a needle.

In a magnificent mint coat, wears a hat made from pheasant plumes.

Women all over the world will be given the opportunity of seeing a delightful printed organdie dress, the designers of which were inspired by the ballet film "The Red Shoes." Simply cut, in white or pale pastel tints, it has a broad pattern (appearing twice round the wide skirt and across the bodice) of scarlet ballet slippers and turquoise blue lovers' knots.

Moir Shearer, who was the heroine of the film, wore the first model of this dress at a recent West End of London charity premiere, and since then overseas buyers have bought it for sale all over the globe.

6. For the last time I've caught someone glancing at my chipped nail polish. From now on, it's going to be quite perfect... even if it means re-painting or touching up twice a day. In fact, I'm setting myself such a high standard that it will be perfection or none at all!

Not Too Hot

7. The weather will soon be getting colder, but any longing for a soak in a really hot bath will be very sternly repressed. This is something I find it very hard to resist, but this time I'm going to take one every day... even if it is only 10 minutes lying flat on the bed and thinking beautiful thoughts!

8. There's no doubt a little rest is most refreshing. I'm going to take one every day... even if it is only 10 minutes lying flat on the bed and thinking beautiful thoughts!

9. Each week, one evening will be devoted to a session with myself, which will include selections from the whole gamut... manicure, pedicure, scalp massage, face masque... a home beauty treatment.

10. Lastly, I'm going to practice walking well. I've been watching other people and there is no doubt that an attractive carriage and graceful walk do something for you... and for your clothes. So me for practicing round the bedroom with a heavy time balanced on my head!

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Unreliable Wives

How is it that so many really intelligent men marry flighty, unreliable women? Don't men want reliability in the women they love?—AIDA.

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They leave the plainer virtue to chance, only to discover that it is the deciding factor between happiness and restless dissatisfaction.

He is a fortunate man who finds in the woman he loves the essential feminine quality of helpmate, the ability to take on the difficulties and troubles that he can't bear being alone with.

And he is a most unfortunate man who knows it's useless to look to the woman he loves for help and sympathy when he feels low and things aren't going too well.

My husband falls asleep in the evening when we have friends round. "I try to make excuses for him, but there isn't a single one. He's had his normal quota of sleep, he's done no more than an average day's work, and he's in perfect health. I asked our doctor about it."

and he laughed it off, remarking that he often had a quiet little nap too.

After a specially bad evening, when my husband's eyes have started to close within five minutes of our guests' arrival, I feel so mad with anger that for two pints I would leave him.

The only visitor I can receive without getting panicky is my husband's sister—she falls asleep too!—EXASPERATED WIFE.

Does he fall asleep the evenings after I would leave him? Is it habitual postprandial or is it family-escaping dodge?

It's all very bizarre and unsocial, of course, but if he won't play up to your friends let him be, shrug your shoulders, turn your back on him.

Your embarrassment and anger come from your wanting to show him off as a well-behaved husband. Couldn't you just regard him temporarily as your worse half and say: "Look at that! Fast asleep as usual. Isn't it awful! What was that you were saying, Janie?" and get on with the party?

You would save the situation, your sense of humour, and (if I am to take you seriously) your marriage.

FILM FASHIONS

By HETTIE GRIMSTEAD

Early 19th century influence is shown strongly in many of the fashions designed for new United Kingdom films. The soft brightly-striped satin which covered gracious old sofas and draped the tall windows is now the smartest material the stars can wear.

In "Look Before You Love," Margaret Lockwood plays the owner of a smart London dress salon and wears a dramatic cocktail suit of pale pink moire striped with indigo.

Sheath-smooth, the stripes meet in perfect arrowheads down the skirt, flaring out in fanlike effect on the busaged jacket, the tails of which are lined with plain tan silk. Completing the outfit she carries a square box bag as ladies used to keep sweets in in the old days.

In "Silent Dust," blonde Sally Gray acts a poignant scene wearing a girl's evening frock of watered grey and rose striped satin with a billowing skirt and nipped-in waistline.

Crawford's plain black wool town suit is highlighted by a long-sleeved blouse of vivid green and white striped silk with a matching touch of bright emerald in the feather in her tiny black beret.

After-Dusk Hats

Some of the newest after-dusk hats are simply made of feathers skilfully draped. Kathleen Ryan, now playing in "Christopher Columbus," has a tiny little round cap of multicoloured feathers to don with her green velvet suit when she changes out of her voluminous period gown at the end of the day's shooting. Tamara Lees,



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Americans Still In Shanghai

Shanghai, December 27. The United States consular authorities announced tonight that the number of Americans in Shanghai, exclusive of personnel of the armed services, registered with the American Consulate-General, has been reduced from 3,110 on November 29 to 1,990 on December 21. Of these remaining, there are 1,040 males, 650 females and 300 children. In addition, there are 740 Americans in the Shanghai communal district (provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang and Fukien, and exclusive of Nan-king), as compared with 554 on November 24. The consular authorities expect about 200 Americans and close alien dependents to leave here on the U.S. transport Breckinridge on December 31. Meanwhile, International Refugee Organisation officials revealed that the first group of 50 Russian emigrants, due to fly on a Trans-Ocean Company transport this morning to a temporary asylum in Tokyo for eventual resettlement is being held up here by bad weather. The plane will take off tomorrow if conditions improve. A unit of 150 White Russians are to be evacuated to this temporary asylum near Tokyo, pending further arrangements for their final resettlement in a friendly country. —Reuter.

Monty's HQ Comes Under Fire

Paris, December 27. Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters were the subject of a heated debate in the French National Assembly today.

"Monty" is Commander-in-Chief of the Western Union land forces and his headquarters will be at Fontainebleau.

Today the Assembly adopted a bill authorising a credit of 40,000,000 francs for the installation of HQ.

Only the Communists voted against the bill. All other groups, including the de Gaulleists, voted for it.

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Peiping, December 28.

General Fu Tso-yi's North China headquarters has not yet replied to a British protest of December 24 against the desecration of a British cemetery by Nationalist troops.

The troops occupied the cemetery, situated outside the Western walls of Peiping, mounted artillery there, and tore down part of the walls to give a clear line of fire.

They used the mortuary chapel as a billet after smashing the altar, pews and other fixtures for firewood.

The British protest was made by the Consul, Martin Buxton, who said he replied the cemetery is situated near the front, but could not condone the destruction of the altar, pews and other fixtures in the chapel.

The protest reserved the right to claim compensation. It didn't, however, suggest that the Nationalists vacate the site.

General Fu yesterday gave the British, American and other Consulates notices bearing his seal to place on the property of their nationals.

The notices explained the property was foreign and that the troops must on no account enter. A check of property showed the notices were in many instances blithely ignored by the troops.

Mission Property

Premises to which they gave no immunity included hospitals and other property owned by American missions.

The next day the British Consulates—to report the violations to General Fu's Headquarters and await action.

The first big example of the Nationalists leaving everything intact in withdrawal from any point occurred at Tungshan, great coal centre 65 miles North East of Tientsin.

General Fu has repeatedly warned his commanders against applying "scorched earth" and threatened stern punishment to anyone ignoring the order. This has put the civil war in North China on a new plane.

Meanwhile, the authorities in Tientsin advised the inhabitants to dig wells as a precaution against a possible water shortage.

In Peiping, numerous decrees aimed at preserving peace and order include one authorising the police to shoot hit and run drivers. The order followed many accidents caused by daredevil Army drivers with dangerously scant respect for pedestrians and other traffic.

Sad Sight

Recent Communist broadcasts have consistently reiterated that foreign life and property would be respected when Peiping and other cities in Nationalist hands are "liberated."

The main concern of foreigners here is the possibility of looting and other lawless acts when the change-over occurs. Among shoppers at Peiping's famed open air market are many soldiers who, significantly, are buying civilian clothes.

One of the saddest sights for Peiping residents today is the cutting down of cypress trees, some nearly 1,000 years old, in the grounds of the temple and Peiping's South Wall, which is part of the new airfield being built to give isolated Peiping a regular link with the outside world.

Although Chinese Air Force planes still are using the field, work of improving it goes on.

Forced Labour

Forced labour is being used and, from all appearances, is none too enthusiastic about the job. The crisscrossed city wall paralleling the runway is manned by troops.

Part of the wall has been torn down to build steps for them to gain quick access to the top. Hand and mechanised labour is being used to level the field. Man-pulled carts dump mud into holes in the ground and steam-rollers ply over it.

Workers hack down ancient cypress trees and load them on trucks which haul them away for use as firewood or to be cut into pointed staves for defence works.

The Reds are within artillery range of the field, but have not yet shelled it. If the shells over-reach the target, they could easily land on the Altar of Heaven, where the Emperors of China bowed to the only superior they ever acknowledged—Heaven.

The Chinese consider the centre of the altar the centre of the universe itself. —Associated Press.

POLISH EXPRESS DERAILED

Warsaw, December 27. The Polish railway authorities today denied reports of a high death toll among Russian troops when an express from Brest-Litovsk to Berlin was derailed on Christmas Eve about 100 kilometres South West of Warsaw. It was officially stated that there were no casualties. —Reuter.

Shutters Go Up In Prague

Prague, December 27. The movement of all goods, except absolute essentials, stopped throughout Czechoslovakia today when shops shut down on Government order for the rest of the year.

Exempted from the closure decree, made to enable stock-taking to be carried out, are chemists, food, tobacco, fuel and newspaper shops and banks.

Shutters went up on all other shops in Prague and most of them bore notices saying that they are expected to reopen on January 5.

Goods sheds at railway stations here were soon overflowing as consignments came off trains and could not be moved further. Special inspection committees visiting private homes in Prague today were reported to be con-

fiscating food and clothes judged to be in quantities above normal needs, or giving rise to suspicion of black marketing.

Accompanied by militiamen the committees also began calling at Prague shops to check inventories being made in response to the Government's order.

In visiting private homes the committees paid special attention to those of businessmen in concern not yet nationalised. When excessive stocks of rationed goods were found, the local committees arranged them in window displays in village shops as an example of malpractice. —Reuter.

England Goes On Freezing

London, December 27. Temperatures below freezing point in many parts of England on Christmas Day and Sunday continued today.

The lowest temperature in the country was reported from Mildenhall, Suffolk, where it was 18 degrees.

Because of frost there was no racing today at Kempton Park. —Reuter.

Vatican To Protest To Hungary

Budapest, December 27. The Vatican is expected to issue a formal protest against the arrest on high treason charges officially announced today of Cardinal Mindszenty, 56-year-old Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary.

It is not clear what form such a protest will take since Hungary and the Holy See have no diplomatic relations.

According to unconfirmed reports, Cardinal Mindszenty was arrested at 8.00 p.m. yesterday at his residence in Esterdom on the Danube close to the Czechoslovak border.

Some informants state that the actual arrest did not take place until this morning. It is believed that the Archbishop of Eger, M. Gyuen Szapic, who recently returned to Budapest from a visit to the Vatican, will temporarily administer Church affairs. —Reuter.

PI "BLACK LIST" OF SUSPECTS

Manila, December 28. Philippine immigration officials have a "black list" of persons suspected of being Chinese Communists. It contains some 150 names.

Under the country's immigration laws, a Communist may be deported. But he has to be proved a Communist, which in most cases is difficult for immigration officials.

The Immigration Commissioner, Enrique Fabre, told the United Press that four Chinese have been deported recently as Communists. The cases of five others are pending before the supreme court and they will be deported if the court's ruling is favourable to the state.

The "black listers" are under constant watch.

Philippine Government officials fear that a Communist victory in China might accelerate the illegal infiltration of Reds into the country of 19,000,000 population which has never had a major Communist threat although it has a few loud-voiced Communists.

The House Speaker, Eugenio Perez, said that a Chinese is believed to be the Philippines' No. 1 Communist. His name and whereabouts are not known to the authorities but they get word of his activities now and then.

Before the war, many Chinese entered the Philippines illegally via the Sulu Archipelago, between Mindanao and Borneo. Since the war, aliens have been smuggled in through that chain of islands and also across the China Sea to the North West coast of Luzon between Lingayen Gulf and Vigan.

COMMUNISM IN CHINA ON TITO PATTERN?

New York, December 27. Political experts who prophesy that even should Communism gain control of China it might develop along lines similar to Marshal Tito's "nationalism," which cut him adrift from the Cominform, today pointed to now evidence in support of their case.

Informed sources in Washington, according to the Scripps-Howard newspapers, are attempting to assay a Moscow Radio report of a speech made by a Communist identified as Comrade Burshalov.

The broadest said Comrade Burshalov gave a talk before the All-Union Society for the Propagation of Political and Scientific Knowledge. He took occasion to attribute recent victories of the Chinese Communists to their "correct" policy which he described with a word which is usually reserved only for the Western powers—"opportunism."

"China," Comrade Burshalov told his audience, "is undergoing a national democratic revolution and there is now growing up a people's democracy."

"It is not, however, identical with the people's democracies in Eastern and South Eastern European countries."

Backward Economy

Then the speaker quoted the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, as saying: "The goal of the new democratic China is the extermination of monopolist capitalism and extermination of the landlord bourgeoisie classes, but not extermination of capitalism in general or extermination of small middle bourgeoisies."

Comrade Burshalov was quick to explain the reason for this compromise with the Marxist principle is that the "backwardness of Chinese economy makes it necessary to allow a capitalist system of economy to continue to exist for a long period yet."

The newspapers said the implication is that after the Chinese Communists develop the country's economy sufficiently, even the small middle bourgeoisies will get the axe.—United Press.

RAPE MURDER UNSOLVED

Oakland, December 28. A foremost lie detector expert left last night for Guam to interview suspects in the unsolved rape murder of Ruth Farnsworth.

He is a Berkeley Police Inspector, Al Riddell. The Navy is flying him out in the seaplane Mars in an effort to crack one of its most baffling cases.

Miss Farnsworth, pretty 27-year-old civil service employee from San Francisco, was found on December 13 the victim of a vicious sex murderer in the jungle. She died without regaining consciousness. — Associated Press.

SEAMAN DROWNED NEAR SHANGHAI

Shanghai, December 28. Two seamen from the Swedish steamer Benares, a Pole and a Swede, lost their lives yesterday morning when a lowered gangway which they were repairing broke in two and the men fell into the sea near the scene of the Kiangya disaster.

The names of the deceased were given as Kazimierz Glowacki and Arthur Harry Martinsson. — Reuter.

Air Lift's Second Best

Wiesbaden, December 27. American and British planes on the Berlin airlift carried their second largest tonnage—6,430.4 tons of food, fuel and supplies—in the 24-hour period ended at noon today.

The record tonnage of 6,997 tons was carried on Air Force Day, September 18. With the completion yesterday of six months of airlift, the combined British and American air forces had carried 700,172 tons of supplies to Berlin in 96,640 flights.

During the period, 17 American and seven British airmen have been killed in crashes. Each of the 2,500,000 people in Western Berlin received 600 pounds weight in food, fuel and other supplies.

Soviet Yak fighters did air firing practice at five places in the Berlin air corridor today. An official Anglo-American report said the operation was contrary to Allied agreement. — Reuter.



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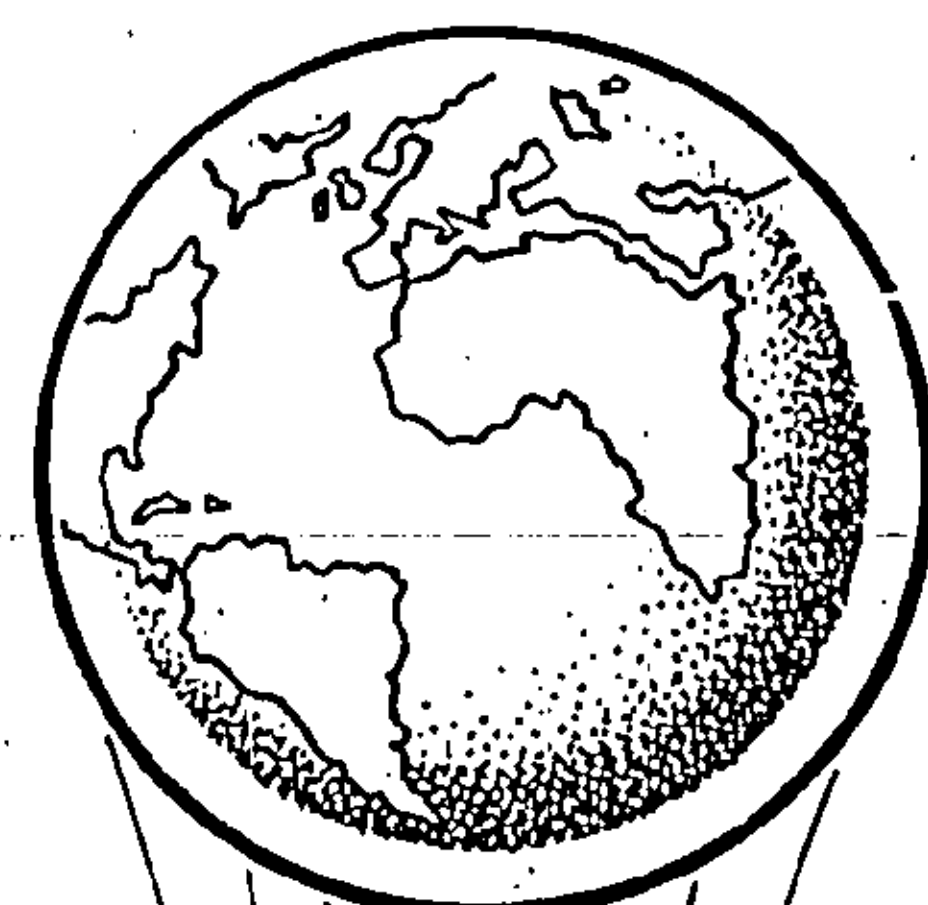
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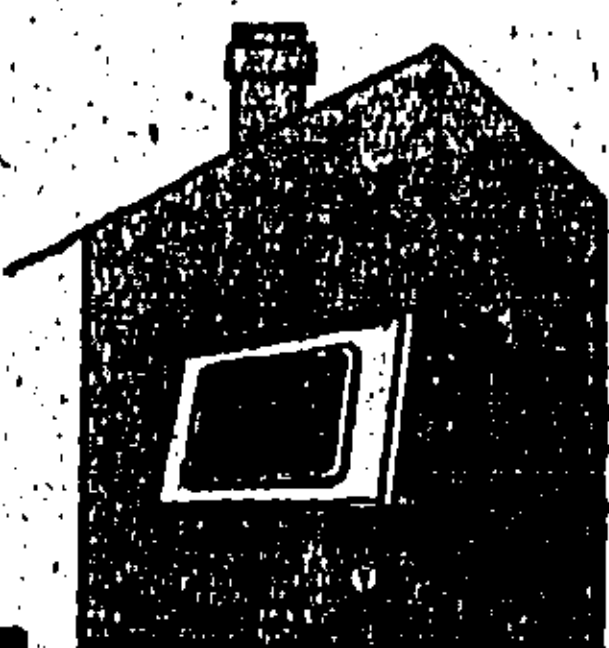


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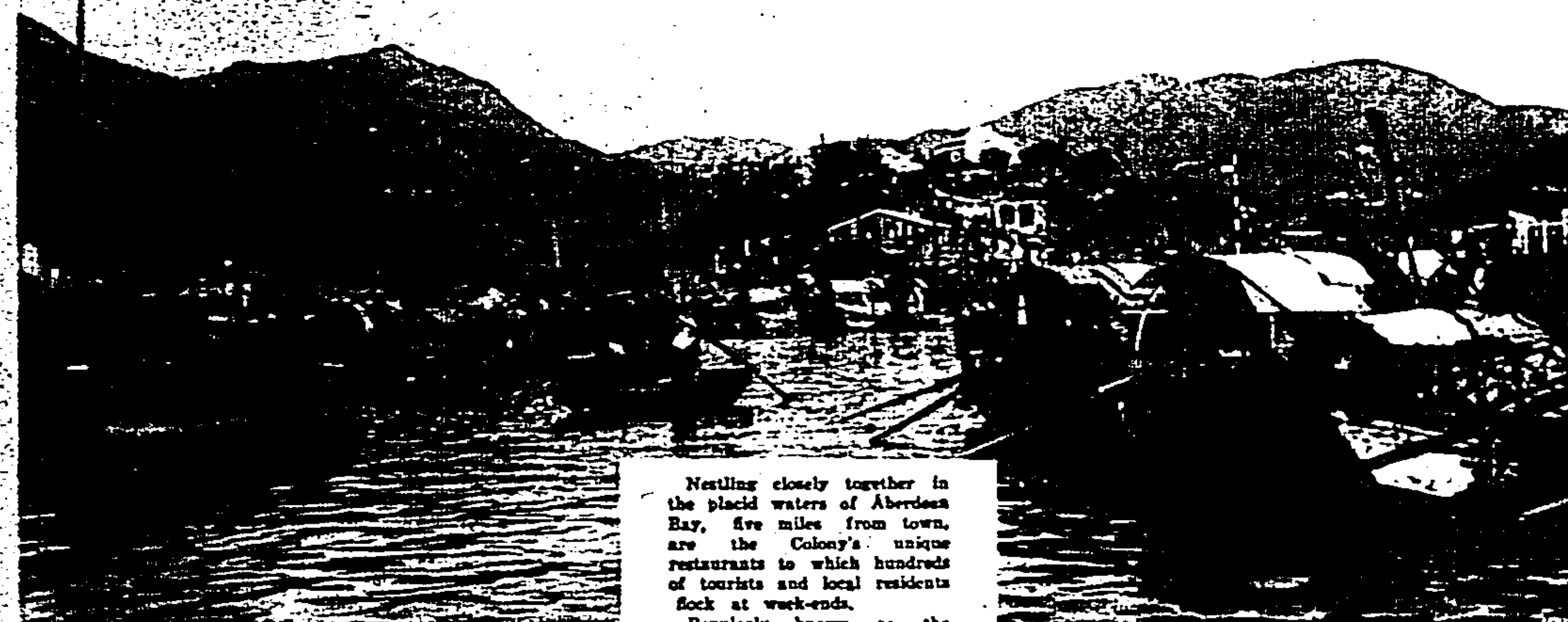
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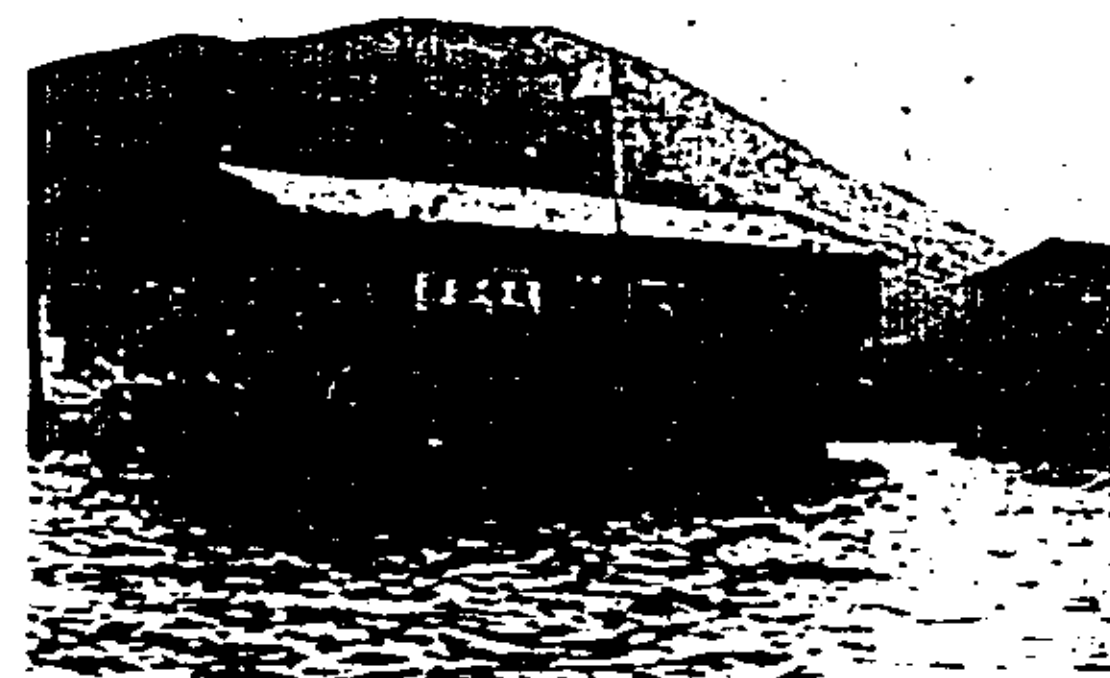
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Popularly known as the Marine Restaurants, these elaborately decorated floating establishments cater rare Chinese marine delicacies unobtainable elsewhere in Hong Kong.

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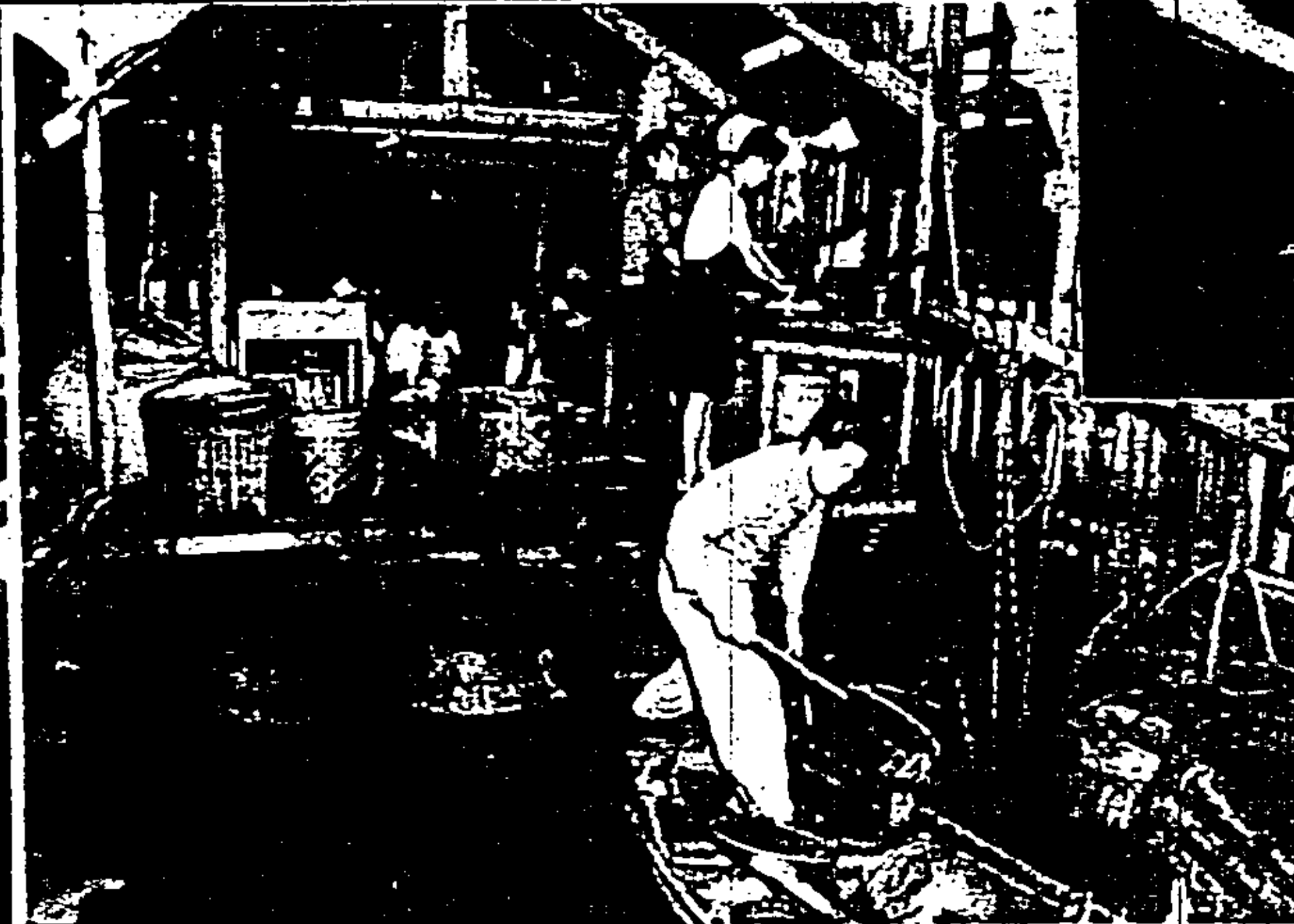
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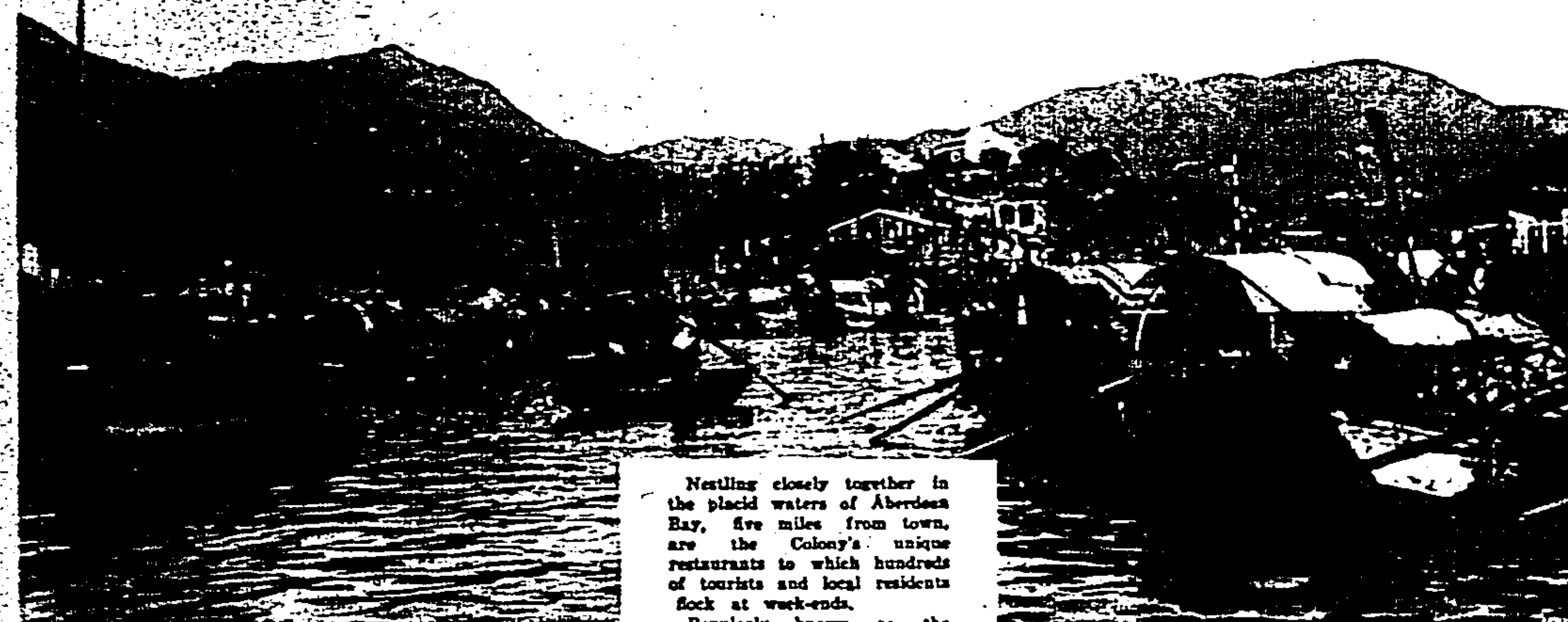
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A party of Americans enjoying themselves despite having to struggle with the slippery chopsticks or risk finger prickings when handling the thorny shells of king crabs or lobsters.

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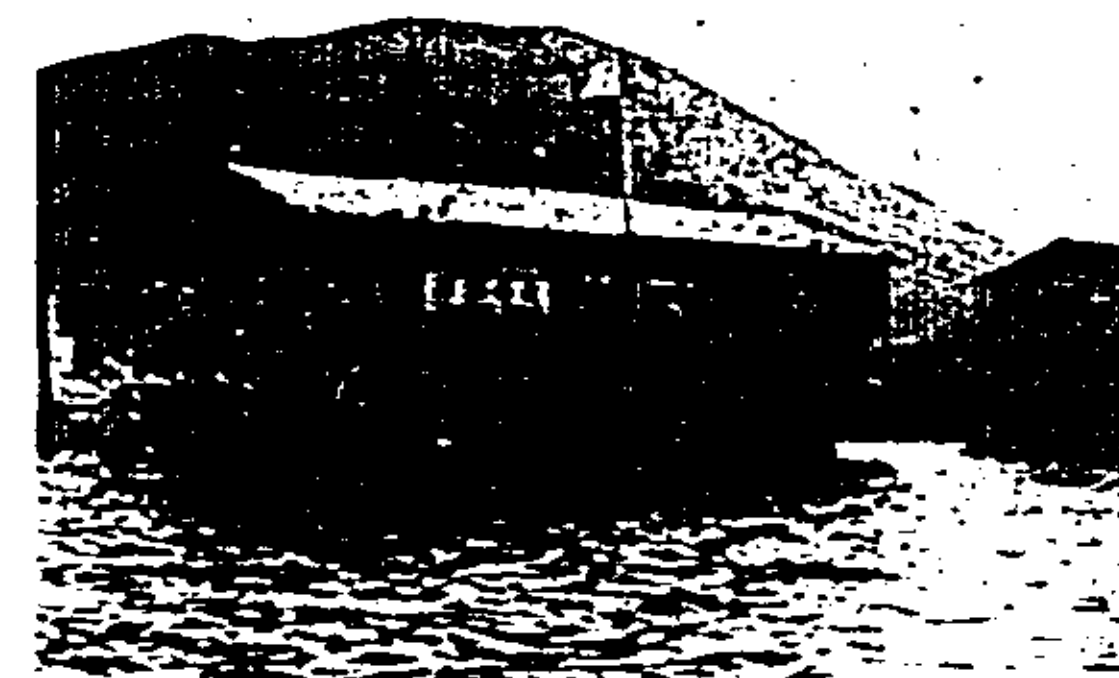
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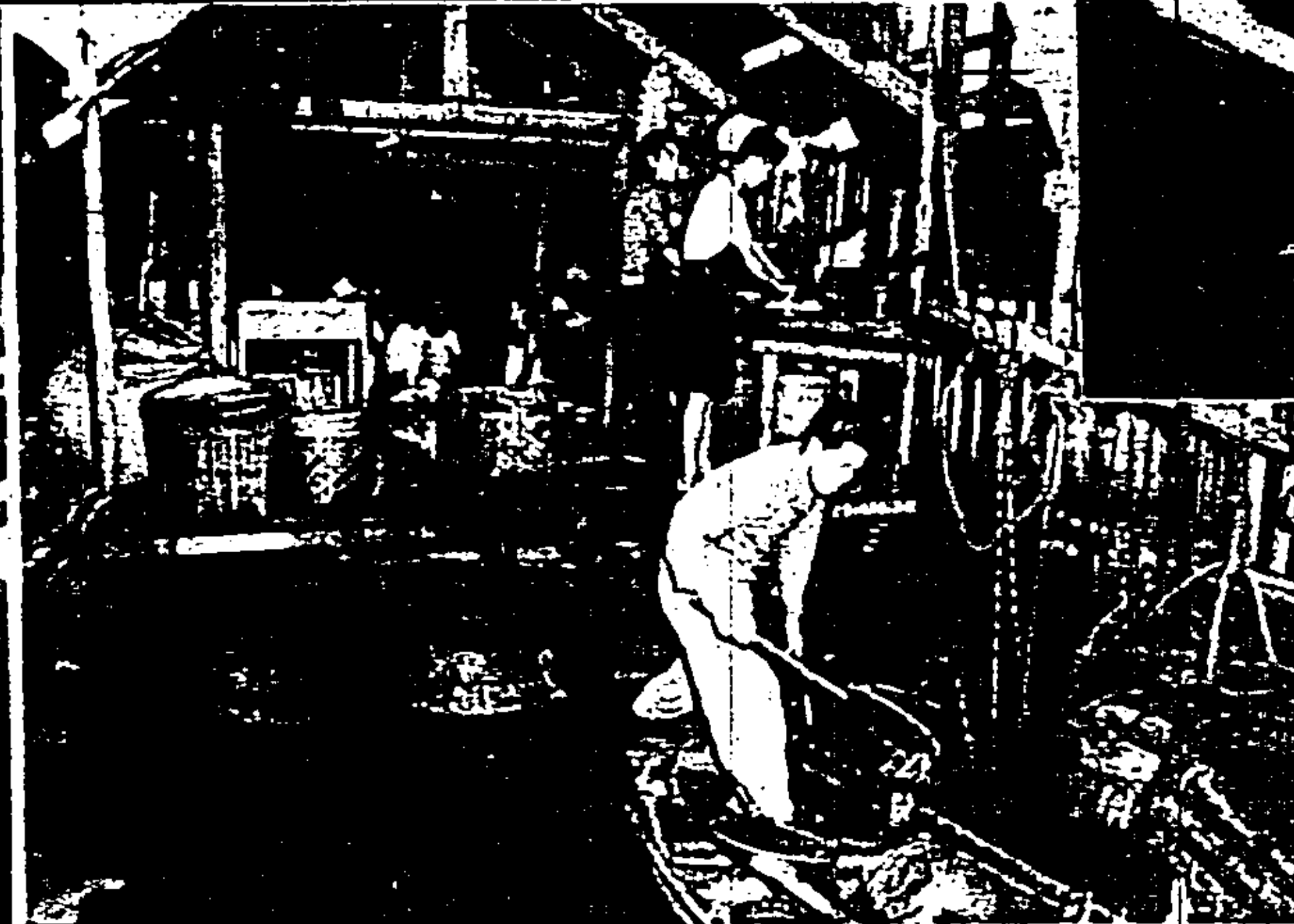
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CHINA MAIL Supplement



The chairman, Mr. A. E. Nobbins, addressing the RAF Association dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel on December 20. ("China Mail" photo)



A group of winners at the Ladies' Recreation Club annual prizegiving on December 18. (Photo by Ming Yuen)



A cheerful table at the RAF Association dinner in the Jacobean Room. ("China Mail" photo)



The Union Jack Club was gaily decorated for the Royal Marine Association Christmas Ball. (Photo by Ming Yuen)

Captain D. H. Janes, Commodore C. L. Robertson and Rear Admiral H.C.G. Mad' chat with American Navy friends at the Royal Marine Association Christmas Ball at the Union Jack Club. (Photo by Ming Yuen)



Mr. F. W. Kendall, of PAL, received this award, given by United Air Lines to business men who travel extensively by air. The shield represents the first 100,000 miles, each star a similar number. Mr. Kendall has four. ("China Mail" photo).

Lady Man Kam Lo presenting the prizes at St. Stephen's Girls' School. (Photo by Ming Yuen)



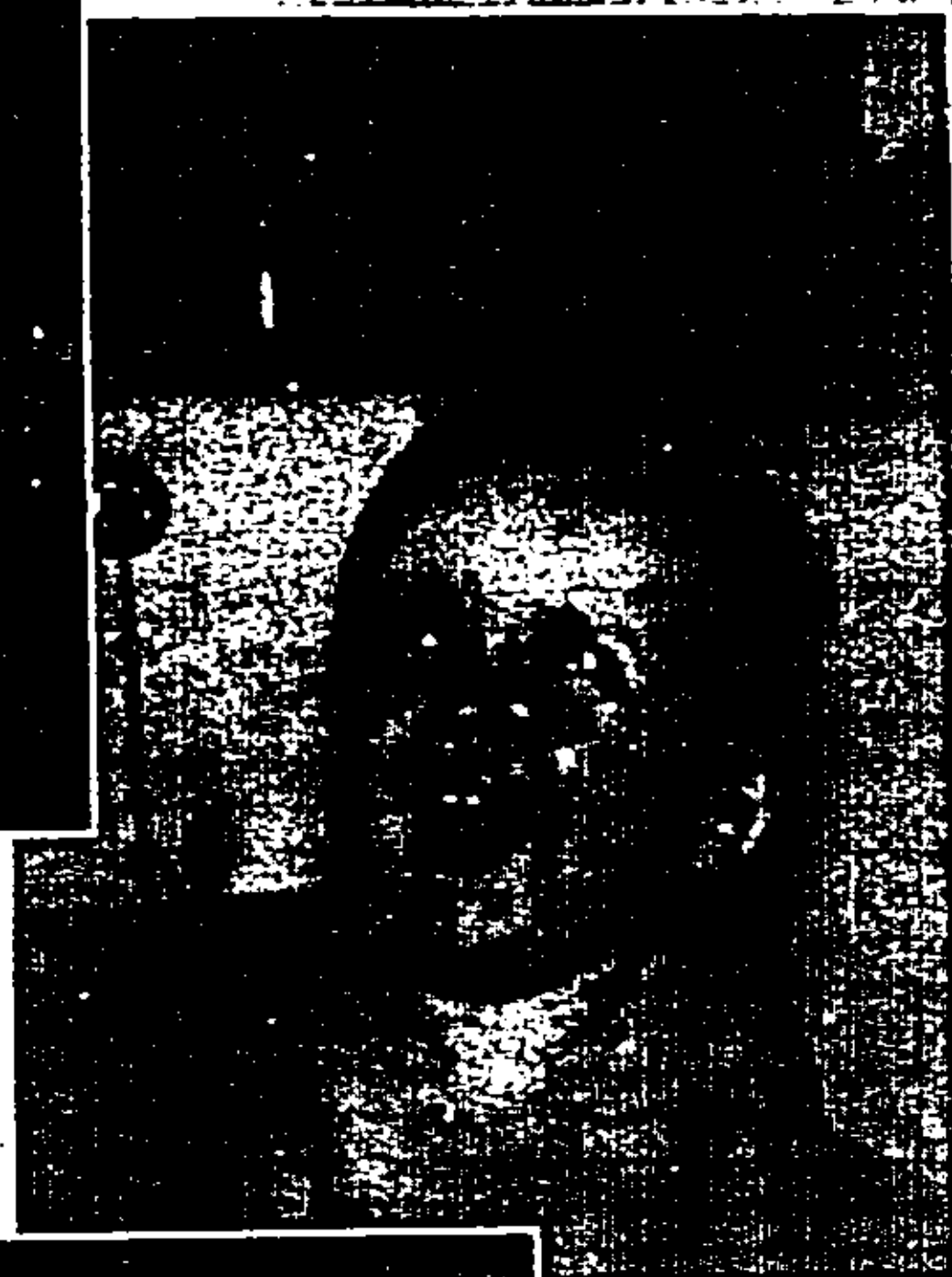


Has your baby's picture been entered in the "China Mail" baby competition?

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Alleged Attempt To Gag British Film Criticisms

London, December 27.

Thousands of pounds are being contributed voluntarily by British newspapers and periodicals to finance an appeal to the highest court in Britain, the House of Lords.

The appeal is against what has been described as a Hollywood attempt to gag English film criticism and intimidate English film critics.

The appeal arises from a case between a film critic of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Miss Arnot Robertson, and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Two years ago, the company refused to allow Miss Robertson to review their films in London and complained to the BBC that she was completely out of touch with the tastes and entertainment requirements of the picture-going millions.

Miss Robertson demanded a public apology and compensation on the grounds that a letter sent by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to the BBC was defamatory. She sued for alleged libel, won the case with £1,500 awarded as damages, but later lost the decision on an appeal by the film company to a higher court.

Court costs of the two hearings were said to have exhausted Miss Robertson's private resources.

Peer Helps

Aware of the principles involved in the case, fellow critics in sympathy with Miss Robertson launched an appeal for funds to help cover legal fees and enable the case to be taken to the House of Lords. Mr. Hilton Dennis, honorary secretary of the film section of the London Critics Circle and Fund Treasurer, said "Judging by the way things are going it looks very hopeful. Counting everything promised, we already have about £5,000 which will roughly cover expenses already incurred."

"Another £3,000 is needed for the House of Lords' appeal." Notice of the appeal must be lodged at the House of Lords by January for it to be considered during the new session.

One of the largest contributions to the fund was £1,000 from the newspaper peer, Lord Kemsley. Four other papers and periodicals each contributed £250 to make up another £1,000. Literary groups and individuals sent smaller amounts.

"Caliban Body"

The case has already been aired in the House of Commons. A Journalist Member of Parliament, Mr. Tom Driberg, speaking about it in a debate on the Government's new Legal Aid Bill, said:

"As things are, it may clearly be difficult in the future for critics or other writers in similar circumstances to risk bringing libel actions at all against these opulent and barbarous Hollywood corporations, whoever they may be, who are trying to gag English criticism and intimidate English critics."

"The power-crazed vindictiveness of this Caliban kind of organisation is most deplorable," he declared.

Members of the Critics' Circle, whipping up funds for the Robertson case, have themselves been threatened with libel proceedings by MGM unless they withdraw a letter circulated in an appeal for funds.—Reuter.

Italian Navy Carries Out Manoeuvres

Rome, December 28.

The Italian Navy has just carried out what may have been the quietest manoeuvres in history.

That was because Italy's post-war Navy is so low in funds it cannot afford to waste ammunition. In 16 days of manoeuvres in the Adriatic and Ionian seas, hardly a shot was fired.

The manoeuvres involved two of Italy's three Naval divisions. It was the Navy's first post-war winter exercises. One division was heavy and other light. The Adriatic Division announced beforehand consisted of 10 corvettes—speedy little submarine-chasers and patrol boats.

The other, under the command of Admiral Bruno Brin, had Italy's oldest battleship—the *Dulio*—and two younger but out-dated cruisers, the *Giuseppe Garibaldi* and the *Duca degli Abruzzi*, plus six elderly destroyers.

Morale was just about the best thing in the fleet. There was, however, one drag on morale. Among enlisted men, perhaps because of wartime contact with United States sailors, has crept a feeling that they are underpaid. An Italian sailor's pay envelope contains the equivalent of US\$2 a month.

Oldest Ships

The Navy, despite all difficulties, is still the pride of Italian Arms. It has always been. Through the peace treaty the Navy was reduced to its oldest and slowest ships. All the rest were to be divided between the victors. The United States and Britain have renounced their shares, but with the stipulation that they be scrapped.

But the war-battered fleet is trying to keep up its standards. For the first time the Italian Navy used Radar. It was not Radar-equipped before defeat.

Also for the first time Italian ships tried refuelling at sea, in motion. The Italian fleet burns fuel oil. Copying techniques worked out by the U.S. Navy to keep it operative over the vast stretches of Pacific waters it roams, destroyers went alongside cruisers, caught a rope line, pulled aboard an attached hose, and took on fuel.

The manoeuvres were designed mainly to teach officers and men navigation and defence from air attack. The heavy fleet sailed from Taranto, major Italian Naval base, under the heel of the Italian boat, to Augusta, Syracuse and Messina, in Sicily, and back to Messina. Simulated air attacks were carried out by Air Force P-53 fighters acquired from the United States. The Navy's guns pointed, and traced the fighters' flight across the skies, but wasted no ammunition.—Associated Press.

Japan's Strength Over-Estimated

New York, December 28.

Rear-Admiral Ellis Zacharias blames the "blunders" of Yalta on United States intelligence reports which, he said, over-estimated Japanese military strength.

Admiral Zacharias, a President Roosevelt's adviser, rather than Mr. Roosevelt himself, insisted on gaining Russian entrance into the Pacific War and they stood behind him every day at Yalta, reminding him every day.

Second-Raters

The writer said that under Navy orders he later drafted his own estimate of the situation. "Japanese soldiers were defeated in the South West, and the Central Pacific Army, considerably depleted in strength, is now composed of second-rate troops incapable of major offensive action and even effective defence."

He said this report was ignored at Yalta. "I maintain unequivocally that Japan's unconditional surrender could have been obtained without Soviet action in Manchuria."—United Press.

New Pacific Coast Threat To Shipping

San Francisco, December 28. Shipowners and the American Federation of Labour Bailors' Union of the Pacific resumed negotiations yesterday over a dispute threatening Pacific Coast shipping.

The Federal conciliator, Mr. Omar Hoskins, sat in on the talks. The sailors want increases ranging from \$20 to \$300 a month. Employers have offered increases of from \$16 to \$35. —Associated Press.

Christmas Battle In Palestine Still Continuing

Tel-Aviv, December 28.

The second battle of the Negev swelled today into a full scale fight for the barren Southern Palestine desert.

It appears, on the fifth day of the new fighting, that Israeli commanders are seeking to hurl the Egyptians back across their own frontiers.

They may also be trying to bring the Egyptian political leaders around to armistice talks without further delay.

In Cairo, the Egyptian Communications Minister, Dessouki Abaza Pasha, said the battle had developed into a general clash. He gave no details of the fighting, but told newsmen that Egypt's military position is good. Despite a shutdown on official news here, it is known that the battle is being fought on a large scale. In an area just inside Israeli territory from Egypt's Rafa frontier base and extending Northward toward Gaza.

It is also known that the fighting continues unchecked on land and in the air by both sides.

Israel Accused

What is not known here, however, are the gains or losses on either side or from which side came the initial impetus of the offensive or the specific tactical objectives. In Paris, a report from United Nations observers accused Israel of breaking the Holy Land truce by attacking the Egyptian forces in the Negev.

The Negev battle began immediately after recent preliminary manoeuvring over an armistice get-together broke down. A military spokesman here said the Jews still were willing to talk peace, but he said there had

been no further overtures to the Egyptians since the Christmas time battle began.

Keeping Mum

Use of the air arm in the present fighting seems to be confined to direct front line support of troops plus attacks on near front air bases. There do not appear to be any important raids far behind the lines. Contrary to previous practices, Israeli communiques are silent on the names of cities or bases either bombed by their planes or raided by the Egyptians.

The Israeli spokesman insisted again that there was no fighting around Faluja, inland from Gaza, where 3,000 Egyptians have been trapped since the previous Negev operation.

Gaza Endangered

The military spokesman said the nearest land fighting to Gaza is somewhere North West of Nirim, opposite the Egyptian base at Rafa. He declined to say whether the Rafa-Gaza coastal road is cut.

It appears obvious, however, that with fighting North West of Nirim the road will be seriously endangered and the Egyptian position at Gaza made perilous, even if not under direct assault.—Associated Press.

British, U.S. War Ships Expected

In January several of His Majesty's ships and two United States Navy craft are expected to call at Hong Kong.

The first to reach the Colony will be the *troopship Dilwara* on January 6. HMS *London* (Shanghai) will follow on January 17. HMS *Concord* (Nanking) on January 20 and HMS *Alicyria* (Shanghai) on January 22.

The 2/6 Gurkha Regiment, whose vanguard arrived here recently by *BOAC*, will be aboard the *Dilwara*.

According to present plans, the troopship will dock in England early next year for an 18-month reconversion into a peacetime troopship. A cafeteria system for troops will be among the innovations in the reconversion.

Arriving from the North are HMS *Amethyst* (Shanghai) on January 6, HMS *London* (Shanghai) on January 17, HMS *Concord* (Nanking) on January 20 and HMS *Alicyria* (Shanghai) on January 22.

Rear Admiral A.C.G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second in Command Far East Station, is expected to return to the Colony by the *Amethyst* as originally arranged. Rear-Admiral Madden left by the HMS *London* on December 20 for a pre-arranged visit to Shanghai. On January 4 the American tanker *Kennebec* is visiting Hong Kong for a two-day stay and the US submarine *Tomlin* will be here on January 22 for a week. Their destinations are not known by the local authorities yet.

Departures from Hong Kong include HMS *Comus* (December 20) for Singapore, USS *Southernland* (January 1) for Amoy, HMS *Sussex* (January 3) for Singapore, HMS *Amethyst* (January 7) for Hong Kong, HMS *Constance* (January 21) for Singapore, USS *Pomaret* (January 28) and USS *Kennebec* (January 6), both destinations unknown yet.

POSTHUMOUS GM FOR POW

London, December 27.

The King has awarded the George Medal to the late Lance Corporal David Russell, of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services while a prisoner of war in German hands prior to September, 1945, announces the London Gazette.—Reuter.

COUNCIL MEETS IN JANUARY

Paris, December 28.

A British source said yesterday that the UN Security Council has decided to resume its meetings at Lake Success, New York, on January 8. The Council has been meeting in Paris since just before the UN Assembly convened here in September.—Associated Press.

SCOUT JAMBOREE IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, December 28.

Eleven-thousand Boy Scouts from the Pacific countries will attend a Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree which opens on Wednesday at Wonga Park, New Rinkwood, Victoria.

The Jamboree, which will continue until January 9, is regarded as a dress rehearsal for the World Scout Jamboree to be held next year in Auckland, New Zealand.—Associated Press.

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"TEGELBERG"	In port	to South Africa	25th Jan.	25th Jan.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BRITAIN'S TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH "IRON CURTAIN" NATIONS

London, December 27.

Britain exchanged Christmas gifts with one Eastern European country when she signed the Anglo-Yugoslav trade agreement last week, and a similar agreement with Poland is expected to be signed shortly.

She has three other sets of trade negotiations awaiting completion—with the Soviet Union, Turkey and Egypt, and will also begin talks with Belgium in London on January 4 and with Brazil and Argentina early in the new year.

Talks taking place in Ankara have been interrupted for Christmas. The discussions in Cairo mainly concerned releases from Egypt's blocked sterling balances during the coming year, but trade questions are bound to be included, one of Egypt's chief complaints being that she has been paying on which to spend her sterling.

A difficulty in the Anglo-Belgian talks may be Britain's desire not to continue gold payments to Belgium. The main item of discussion is Britain's import programme for the next six months.—Reuter.

The new Anglo-Polish agreement, when signed, will mean more bacon and eggs for Britain, and more industrial goods for Poland.

Russia has not yet replied to a British request for a short-term grain agreement next year. The British request was made because it seemed impossible that the long-term Anglo-Russian trade agreement could be settled in time to assure Britain's grain requirements throughout the year.

Britain needs 1,000,000 tons of coarse grain and 500,000 tons of wheat, over and above existing grain contracts.

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"LOUIS GLOUS"	Los Angeles	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Yokohama
"GOVERNOR DIXON"	San Francisco	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Yokohama
"COMPRISE I"	San Francisco	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	San Francisco
"PHILIPPINE DEAR"	San Francisco	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	San Francisco, Los Angeles, Yokohama, Kobe

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Money Market

The money market re-opened after the Xmas holidays quiet with rates steady. HK\$200 a ton, dropped to \$209.75 and closed at \$209.87 1/2.

U.S. dollars were unchanged the whole day at HK\$5.02 1/2.

Gold Yuan opened at 4.7 cents and closed at 4.4 cents.

Canton remittances were down to 4 cents and Shanghai remittances down to 3.7 cents.

Plaster opened at HK\$7.05 a 100, went up to \$7.12 1/2, and closed at \$7.12 1/2.

Teals were unchanged at HK\$25.10 a 100.

N.B. Goldbars opened at HK\$30.20 a 100 and closed at \$35.80.

Sterling went up to HK\$15.17, while Australian pounds dropped to HK\$12.53.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

New York—Silver, Bar, (asked price) 70 cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Paris Free Gold Prices:—Napoleon 5,825 frs.; French 10 franc coins 2,700; Swiss franc 5,700; Union Latine 5,400; Sovereign 7,200; Half Sovereign 3,400; U.S. \$20 Coin 28,400; U.S. \$10 Coin 14,000; Sovereign (in free US \$ per ounce) \$98.1; Napoleon (in free US \$ per ounce) \$98.1; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 512.

London Free Gold Prices:—Ingots: Fine Gold, ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 fr.; Without counterpart 790/830; Silver, ingots, per kilo 0.860b, 7,400s; Platinum, ingots, per kilo 600,000b, 855,000s.—Reuter.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 10 nominal.—Associated Press.

May 18.55 bid.

July 18.40 bid.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 10 nominal.—Associated Press.

RICE CROP IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, December 28.—California topped the nation this year in rice and sugar production. The rice crop totalled 14,869,000 bushels, a yield of 63 bushels an acre compared with the national average of 46.6.

Sugar beet production was 2,700,000 tons compared with 2,800,000 tons last year.—Associated Press.

OUTPUT OF GOLD

Washington, December 28.—Mine production of gold declined 15 per cent during October due chiefly to a seasonal drop in Alaska, the Bureau of Mines said yesterday.

October gold production totalled 175,890.5 ounces. Silver production totalled 3,070,650 ounces, three per cent lower than in September.—Associated Press.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, December 28.—Treasury position on December 23 compared with the same date a year ago.

Total debt: US\$252,294,578, 045.58 and US\$256,741,525,877.61. Gold assets: US\$24,234,158.92 and US\$22,732,441,203.35.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on January 3, 1941.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 4, 1941, will be subject to rent.

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